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—No. 1.—

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No. 1.

(Separate.)

Military Department.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to transmit the accompanying papers,* having reference to certain objections made by soldiers of the late East India Company's forces to the transfer of their services to the Crown, as enacted in sect. 56 of the Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106.

I request the favour of your Lordship's early attention to the important subject of these papers.

The particulars of the occurrences to which they relate are as follows:—

On the 3d instant a telegram was received by me, dated the previous day, addressed to the Adjutant General of the Army, by the Brigadier commanding at Lucknow, stating that the men of the 4th European Light Cavalry, after hearing the proclamation by Her Majesty, which was published at Lucknow on the 1st instant, declared that they considered themselves not bound to serve the Queen until they should be re-enlisted for that purpose and should receive fresh bounty. The Brigadier asked for instructions.

He was informed, in reply, on the 4th instant, that the pretension of the 4th Cavalry was utterly untenable, and must be put down at once; that the 56th section of the Act showed this to be the case, and that he was to take immediate measures to disabuse these young soldiers of their error; that he should do this temperately and kindly in the first instance, but that the mistaken pretension must be put down.

On the 6th instant the Brigadier reported that the demands of the 4th Cavalry had been satisfactorily explained away, and that no spirit of discontent seemed to prevail amongst the men.

The Commander in Chief, who had left Allahabad on the 2d instant, having received in camp an intimation of the objection of the men of the 4th Cavalry, suggested, in a private communication, dated the 4th instant, that the Advocate General's opinion should be taken on the subject without delay. This course was followed at once, and a message by telegraph, dated the 6th instant, informed me that the Advocate General was clearly of opinion that the 56th section of the Act is so explicit as to leave no pretence for the contention that any soldiers, whether European or native, who formed part of the forces of the East India Company when the Act came into operation, require re-enlistment in order to bind them to serve the Queen, as part of Her Majesty's Indian forces.

The Advocate General's written opinion, which was received subsequently, is among the papers transmitted.

On the 9th of November instant, a telegram from the Commander in Chief informed me that that which had declared itself in the cavalry regiment at Lucknow, had also shown itself among the old soldiers of the 1st Madras Fusiliers (then in camp with his Excellency, and engaged in the operations against the rebels in Oude); his Excellency at the same time impressing upon me the gravity of this occurrence, and urging the necessity of dealing in the matter with the greatest circumspection.

* Message from Brigadier Chute to the Adjutant General of the Army, No. 24, dated 2d November 1858.
Letter to ditto, No. 68, dated 4 November 1858.
Message from ditto, No. 107, dated 6 November 1858.
Letter from Chief of the Staff, No. 147, dated 6 November 1858, and annexments.
Letter to ditto, No. 200, dated 18 November 1858.
Letter from Judge Advocate General, No. [illegible], dated 12 November 1858.
Advocate General's opinion, dated 8 November 1858.
Message from the Commander in Chief, dated 9 November 1858.

On the morning of the 12th instant the Secretary in the Military Department laid before me an official letter, dated the 10th of this month, from the chief of the staff, on the subject of the objection made in the 1st Madras Fusiliers.

Their commanding officer had reported that some of his men had stated that they enlisted to serve the East India Company only, and that now that the Indian army had been transferred to the service of Her Majesty, they desired to be discharged; considering themselves released from the obligations of the oath they took on enlistment.

In forwarding this communication to the chief of the staff, Major General Sir Hope Grant suggested that immediate discharge should be granted to these men, in order to set the question speedily at rest, "as otherwise most vexatious circumstances might ensue."

These letters accompanied that from the chief of the staff, and the latter document explained the views of the Commander in Chief on the subject, to the following effect:—That the soldier, on his attestation, was asked whether he would serve the Company "only," with no apparent allusion to his serving the Crown; that he was then sworn to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, but only in the capacity of serving the Company and as a British subject, and that the oath meant nothing more; that in the old regiments of the Crown a soldier cannot be transferred from one to another without his free consent; that there is no rule which the men more clearly understand, or to the principle of which they cling with greater tenacity; that it would be difficult, if not impracticable, to make the soldier understand any legal argument by which the very principle of his military existence might, in his opinion, be set aside; that the greatest care should be taken not to alarm the men on this point; and his Excellency accordingly suggested that the re-enlistment of the Company's European forces should be proceeded with immediately, "in order to prevent the possibility of a feeling of irritation arising in the army of a very inconvenient and perhaps dangerous tendency."

My reply to this communication was dated the 13th instant, and immediately despatched. In it the Commander in Chief was informed, that though I could not concur entirely with his Excellency in looking upon the oath as one of allegiance only so far as Her Majesty is concerned, yet that I saw clearly that the soldier might view it as supplementary to his previous promise to serve the Company, and as no longer binding him when that promise ceased to bind him; but that, however it might be with the oath, the Legislature had now enacted that the military forces of the Company shall be deemed to be the Indian forces of Her Majesty, and be under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty that they would have been under to serve the Company; and that this enactment is so clear in its statement, and of an authority so indisputable, that the soldiers of the East India Company, whatever be the sense given to their attestation oath, are not at liberty to refuse to serve Her Majesty, and the Government of India has no power to grant them their discharge.

In support of this view of the matter, a copy of the Advocate General's opinion of the 8th instant was sent for his Excellency's information; and it was observed, that in addition to the infraction of the law which the grant of discharge to the men would involve, there was this very serious consideration, that the discharge of many soldiers and the re-enlistment of the remainder could not take place without attracting the attention of the native regiments, who would perceive that there were differences between the State and the Army, and would be impressed with very dangerous notions, while the hopes of the disturbers of the public peace would be revived by witnessing what occurred, and by the influence of exaggerated reports.

With regard to the argument based on the fact that soldiers are not transferred from one corps to another without their own consent, it was remarked that, considering that the law in no way alters the conditions of the service of the Company's soldier, but scrupulously preserves them to him in every particular, and that its only effect is to remove the Company from between him and the Crown, that argument did not appear to me to furnish any standing ground sufficient to support the soldier in not obeying, or the Government in not enforcing the law.

With regard to the rights of the soldier as an Englishman, it was remarked that if indeed these rights have been invaded by an Act of the Legislature, the loyal and dutiful subject instead of resisting the law, should represent his case

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to those in authority over him; and that I was prepared to transmit to the Queen's Government any such representation, though I had not the power to hold out any hope that the law would be altered.

With these views, I called upon the Commander in Chief to assist me in convincing all the Company officers and soldiers that it is their bounden duty to obey implicitly the paramount authority of the Queen and the Parliament, and in requiring every officer of Her Majesty's service to enforce this obedience.

This is the course which events have taken.

I beg your Lordship to believe that I do not underrate the grave responsibility which attaches to the choice in this matter of a course different from that which has recommended itself to the judgment of Lord Clyde, and which is emphatically urged by his Excellency, who is so pre-eminently well qualified to guide the Government in any question in which the feelings and treatment of British soldiers are concerned.

But after very careful consideration, I have, to my regret, found myself unable in this instance to adopt the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, and I feel it to be my duty to require that the law shall be asserted and maintained.

The law is plain and positive in its words; I have not heard that any man has a doubt of its intention.

But it is objected, that, by the extinction of the Company's Government, which this same law enacts, the soldier has acquired, or considers that he has acquired a right, of which the law would deprive him; and that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to make him understand any legal argument which should set aside this right. Therefore it is proposed that re-enlistment of the Company's soldiers should take place; and this of necessity implies the discharge of all those who for any reason decline to be re-enlisted.

Were the Government of India so to act, it would set up its own authority above that of the law and of Parliament. It would do this the more pointedly, in that it never has had the power to discharge English soldiers from the Indian army.

I consider that I should not be justified in surrendering the law to these objections.

The very nature of the objections, as it seems to me, preclude it. It is not that the law is ambiguous, or that new circumstances have arisen to make it inapplicable, but, plainly, that Parliament and the Crown have done that which they cannot or ought not to do.

Whether this be so or not, is a question which can be determined only by the Crown, or by Parliament; and I hold it to be my duty to require that meanwhile the law should not be broken, and that those who feel themselves aggrieved by it, and who therefore seek relief from it, shall do so as loyal subjects and soldiers, by the only legitimate course of representing their claims respectfully to their superiors.

In deciding that the law shall be sustained, I have not omitted to consider whether true prudence and public duty, rightly understood, might not, in the circumstances of the time, prescribe a departure from it; nor do I doubt that if I thought a departure necessary, Her Majesty's Government and Parliament would judge the act indulgently. But in truth, I see as much of inconvenience and danger in departing from the law as in upholding it.

I have pointed out to the Commander in Chief the very serious results which may be expected to follow if our present native soldiery should see that English soldiers are leaving the service of the State at their own pleasure at this time, and if the impression that a difference has arisen between the Government and its English troops, whereby the hold of the Government upon them has been weakened, should be spread abroad.

I should remind your Lordship, in proof of how little likely it would be that the re-enlisting and discharging should pass unobserved, that there are actually in India upwards of 15,000 men of the Company's European army.

It is impossible to estimate how many of these would take their discharge. About 6,000 of the number are artillerymen, and if this arm were to be sensibly reduced it would be a great misfortune.

Nor is it alone the discharge of the men which would be embarrassing. The grant of bounty to those who should re-enlist (and it could not in justice be refused if re-enlistment be judged necessary) would naturally raise expectations of some indulgence to native troops, who, though the form of their engage-

ment is quite different from that which is used in the case of the Company's English army, are still engaged under the Company, and not under the Queen.

Claims of this kind may be easily dealt with in quiet times; but I do most earnestly desire to avoid at present everything that could raise dissatisfaction or excitement in the ranks of the regular armies of Bombay and Madras, as well as in those of our Punjaub regiments.

I am well aware, looking to the other side of the question, how painful and deplorable the consequences of any resistance to the law on the part of any class of our English soldiers would be. But the line of their duty is so plain, their material position is so entirely uninjured and unaltered by the law; it is so clear that no widely-spread or long-entertained expectations will be disappointed by abiding by the law (for otherwise we should by this time have heard of claims from other parts of India, and not alone from Lucknow and the Oude division), that I have a sanguine hope that all semblance of discontent will be removed by a judicious, kind, and considerate explanation of the law, such as they are certain to receive from Lord Clyde, coupled, if necessary, with the assurance to all who desire it that their representations will be transmitted to the Queen's Government.

It will, probably, be necessary that the explanation should be general, as the subject has already been raised in letters to one or two newspapers, and will therefore attract general notice; but upon this point I am in communication with the Commander in Chief.

The 1st and 3d Regiments of European Cavalry are quartered at this station, and have showed no sign of putting forward any claim to release from service.

I shall be very glad to receive your Lordship's views and instructions upon the subject of this Despatch by an early opportunity.

I have, &c.

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Allahabad, 18 November 1858.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

(No. 26.)

From Lucknow, 2d November.—From Brigadier *Chute.*

To Allahabad.—To Adjutant-General of the Army.

The men of the 4th European Light Cavalry, consequent on the promulgation of Her Majesty's proclamation yesterday, consider they are not bound to serve the Queen until they are re-enlisted for that purpose, and receive a fresh bounty. This apparent dissatisfaction has just been brought to my notice by the officer commanding the regiment; I wait instructions.

Allahabad, Electric Telegraph Office,
3d November 1858.

Service Message.

From Allahabad, 4th November 1858.—From Major-General *Birch.*

To Lucknow.—To Brigadier *Chute.*

Your message of the 2d instant to the Adjutant General has been submitted to the Governor General.

His Lordship declares the pretension of the 4th Cavalry to be utterly untenable, and that it must be put down at once. The 56th clause of the new Act for the Government of India shows this to be the case. Pray take immediate measures for disabusing these young soldiers of their error.

This should be done temperately and kindly in the first instance, but the mistaken pretension must be put down.

If you have not got the Act, get it from the Chief Commissioner, and refer to Section 56.

R. J. H. Birch, M. G.,
Secretary to Government of India,
Military Department, with Governor General.

Enclosure 2, in No. 1.

(No. 68.)

To Brigadier *Chute*.—Lucknow.

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you. Encl. 2, in No. 1.

"Has the demand of the 4th European Cavalry been satisfactorily explained away."

R. J. H. Birch, M. G.,
Secretary to Government of India,
Military Department, with Governor General.

Allahabad, 6 November 1858.

Enclosure 3, in No. 1.

(No. 107.)

From Lucknow, 6 November, 5.30 P.M.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Allahabad.—To Major General *Birch*.

IN reply to your telegram, the demands of the 4th European Cavalry have been satisfactorily explained away. I did so myself on parade this morning. No spirit of discontent seems to prevail amongst them at present. Encl. No. 3, in 1.

Allahabad, Electric Telegraph Office,
6 November 1858.

Enclosure 4, in No. 1.

(No. 147.)

To Major General *Birch*, C. B., Military Secretary to the Government of India.

Head Quarters, Camp before Ameathie,
10 November 1858.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Commander in Chief, to forward a letter this day received from Major General Sir Hope Grant, K.C.B., respecting the claim of certain men of the Madras Fusiliers for discharge, on the ground that they consider themselves released from the oath they took to serve the Honourable East India Company. Encl. 4, in N

2. His Excellency requests that this communication may be submitted at your very earliest convenience to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General. Lord Clyde would avail himself of this opportunity to lay his views on the subject comprehended before his Excellency, as he cannot but think it one of the very highest importance.

3. I am directed also to enclose the actual attestation of a soldier of the Bengal Artillery, who was enlisted in October 1857.

4. You will observe in Question "8" of that document, that the soldier is asked the question whether he is willing to serve the East India Company. There is no doubt in the question; he is asked whether he will serve the East India Company "only," and in the form of that attestation no alternative of serving the Crown is apparent.

5. At the bottom of the first page of the attestation, the soldier is sworn to be "faithful" and bear "true allegiance to Her Majesty," &c. But it would appear that this is in his capacity of serving the Company and of a British subject. It is an "oath of allegiance," and in so far, as it seems to the Commander in Chief, distinct from the attestation which prescribes the particular service to which the soldier shall be hereafter bound.

6. Lord Clyde would beg leave to call to the recollection of the Governor General, with the greatest deference to his Excellency, a fact unknown except to military men, viz., that in the old regiments of the Crown a man cannot be transferred from one to another without his free consent, he having enlisted to serve in a particular regiment. Thus it happens, that although the conditions of servitude are precisely the same in the various regiments of Her Majesty's service, whenever necessity requires that the complement of one regiment should be filled up at the expense of others, "volunteers" are called for the purpose, who receive a bounty in consideration.

Whatever may be the exigencies of the State, the rule has always been followed in the army that the free consent of the individual must be obtained before he can be transferred from one part of the service to another. Perhaps there is no rule which the soldiers more clearly understand, or to the principle of which they cling with greater tenacity; it is understood before they enter the army, in consequence of the education in this respect which they receive from the recruiting sergeant, and in the militia regiments.

7. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, Lord Clyde would request the closest attention to the practical circumstances of a soldier's enlistment, and of the manner in which the soldier would view any attempt to deprive him of what he considers a right. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to make him understand, any legal argument by which the very principle of his military existence might, in his opinion, be set aside. Lord Clyde would earnestly suggest that in treating this very important matter, it should be so

managed as not to alarm the men with regard to the point to which allusion has been made.

8. He would propose to the Governor General, that it may be worthy of consideration whether the re-enlistment of the Company's European forces should not be proceeded with immediately, in order to prevent the possibility of a feeling of irritation arising in the army of a very inconvenient, and perhaps dangerous tendency.

9. In urging this warning and recommendation, Lord Clyde would assure the Governor General that he would not hazard even a suggestion in the matter, were it not for his intimate acquaintance with British soldiers, and the manner in which they feel the rights they possess in common with other Englishmen.

I have, &c.
W. R. Mansfield,
Major General, and Chief of the Staff.

(No. 284.)

To the Chief of the Staff, &c. &c. &c.

Army Head Quarters, Camp Etiyah,
Sir, 8 November 1858.

In forwarding the accompanying letter from the officer commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers, intimating that several men of that regiment are unwilling to serve Her Majesty, on the grounds that they were attested solely to serve the Honourable East India Company, I have the honour to request you will submit it to the early consideration of his Lordship the Commander in Chief.

I beg respectfully to suggest that their application for an immediate discharge be granted to them, as it is of the highest importance that this question should be speedily set at rest, as otherwise most vexatious circumstances might ensue.

I have, &c.
J. H. Grant,
Major General, Commanding Oude Force.

(No. 178.)

To the Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Allahabad,
Sir, Camp Etiyah, 8 November 1858.

Some men of the regiment under my command having stated that they enlisted to serve the East India Company only, and that now on the Indian army being transferred to the service of Her Majesty, they wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to be discharged, as they consider themselves released from the obligation of the oath they took, I have the honour to solicit the instructions of his Lordship the Commander in Chief as to how I am to act.

The Question 8, Schedule (A), of the Limited Enlistment Act of 1847, sworn to by the men on enlistment, as appears from their duplicate copies of attestation, mentions the East India Company only.

I have, &c.
M. Galway, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers.

Submitted.
A. Horsford, Brigadier,
Commanding 2d Infantry Brigade.

Enclosure 5, in No. 1.

(No. 209.)

To the Chief of the Staff.

Sir,

1. HAVING submitted to the consideration of the Right Honourable the Governor General your letter, No 147, dated the 10th instant, and received yesterday, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Governor General finds himself unable to concur in the recommendation of Major General Sir Hope Grant, supported by that of Lord Clyde, that the men of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, who consider themselves to be under no engagement to serve Her Majesty, and are unwilling to serve the Queen, should be allowed to take their discharge.

Although attested specifically to serve the East India Company, every soldier in the service of that Company is sworn to bear allegiance to Her Majesty, to defend Her Majesty in person, Crown, and dignity, against all enemies, and to observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty and of the generals and officers set over him, whether of Her Majesty's more immediate service or others lawfully set over him.

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The Commander in Chief considers this oath to be an oath of allegiance, and nothing more. The Governor General, although his Lordship cannot concur entirely in that opinion, sees clearly that the soldier is likely to view the oath as consequent, and supplementary to, his promise previously given to serve the Company, and therefore as no longer binding him when that promise has ceased to bind him. It is possible that in imposing this oath upon the Company's recruits, Parliament had no intentions beyond that of fixing in the soldier's mind, that whilst serving the Company directly, he would in fact, though less directly, be serving the Queen; and that of precluding from his mind all doubts of his obligation to obey the officers of the Queen's army with whom he might be brought into contact. But be this as it may, the Governor General would draw the attention of the Commander in Chief to the fact that Parliament has now, in the Act by which the Government of India is transferred to the Queen, enacted that "the military and naval forces of the East India Company shall be deemed to be the Indian military and naval forces of Her Majesty, and shall be under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty as they would have been under to serve the said Company"; and the same section goes on to provide that the service to be required of the troops shall be precisely the same in every way as if they had continued in the service of the said Company.

This enactment is so clear and explicit as to admit of no doubt as to its meaning; and it is so indisputable in its authority, as an enactment of the Legislature, that the Governor General is satisfied that the soldiers of the East India Company, whatever be the sense given to their attestation oath, are not at liberty to refuse to serve Her Majesty, and that the Government of India has no power to grant them their discharge.

The Governor General has already acted on this view in the case of the 4th Regiment of European Cavalry at Lucknow, whose hesitation to serve the Queen without re-enlistment and fresh bounty was reported shortly after the Commander in Chief took the field.

This view is supported by the opinion of the Advocate General, since received from Calcutta; and by that of the Judge Advocate General, to whom the Governor General directed that the letters of Lieutenant Colonel Galwey, commanding the 1st Madras Fusiliers, and of Major General Sir Hope Grant, K.C.B., which were annexed to your own, should be submitted. Copies of their opinions are enclosed.

In addition to the fact, that in allowing the Company's English regiments to be exempt from their obligation to serve the Queen, the Government of India would be acting contrary to law, there is a reason against such a course which, in the opinion of the Governor General, deserves very serious consideration.

It is not possible that the discharge of many men of these regiments, and the re-enlistment of the rest, can take place without attracting the attention of the native soldiery which we now have in our service. It will soon be discovered by the latter that the men are quitting the service at their own pleasure, and not at the desire of the Government. If the number who quit it is large and weakening (and it may well be so, as the door must be opened for the European Artillery of the three Presidencies, as well as for the infantry and for the Bengal cavalry), an impression will be created that the Government cannot retain its English troops in its service, and that differences exist between the State and the army. The impression might be, and probably would be, greatly exaggerated and distorted; but the Governor General considers that it would in any shape be a most unfortunate one, and that nothing could happen that would be more likely to revive the designs of our enemies, and to inspire dangerous thoughts into the minds of those who have hitherto served us faithfully.

In regard to the reasons against carrying out the law, the Governor General speaks with the sincerest deference and respect for the opinion and authority of the Commander in Chief, upon a matter so thoroughly within his Excellency's cognizance and experience as the position and feelings of the English soldier. But it appears to his Lordship that the fact that a soldier cannot be moved from one regiment to another without his own consent, does not furnish any very strong reason for questioning the law, which declares that he is, in the present case, under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty as he would have been under to serve the Company. The fact cited shows indeed that the State has jealously guarded the soldier against any violence to the ties and associations which he may have chosen for himself, and against any disturbance of his comforts, or capricious removal from one place of service to another. But seeing that the law in no way alters the condition of the soldier's service, but on the contrary, scrupulously preserves them to him in every particular, and that its only effect is to remove the Company from between him and the Crown, the Governor General is of opinion that this view of the case does not show any standing ground sufficient to support the soldier in not obeying, or the Government in not enforcing, the law.

In regard to the soldier's rights as an Englishman, the Governor General desires me to observe that if these rights have indeed been invaded by an Act of the Legislature, the course of a loyal and dutiful subject is not to resist the law, but respectfully to represent his case to those in authority over him.

To any such representation the Governor General will give ear, and he will transmit it to the Queen's Government; but in no other way can he sanction a questioning of the law; and he has no power to hold out the expectation that the law will be altered.

These being the views of the Governor General, his Lordship confidently relies on the assistance of the Commander in Chief in convincing the officers and soldiers of the local army in India that it is their bounden duty to pay implicit obedience to the paramount authority of the Queen and of Parliament, and in requiring every officer of Her Majesty's service to enforce this obedience. I am directed to add, that the Governor General will take

the earliest opportunity of reporting to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India the circumstances to which this letter relates.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Department, with the Governor General.

Allahabad, 13 November 1858.

Enclosure 6, in No. 1.

(No. 1202A.)

To Major-General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

Encl. 6, in No. 1. I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Major General Sir Hope Grant's letter, No. 284, of the 8th instant, to the address of the Chief of the Staff, and of Lieutenant Colonel Galwey's letter of the same date, which accompanied it, containing an application for the discharge of certain men of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, on the ground that they enlisted to serve the East India Company only.

2. My opinion is requested on the merits of this application, and I beg to submit the following remarks for the consideration of the Right Honourable the Governor General.

3. Lieut. Colonel Galwey states, that the soldiers now claiming their discharge consider themselves released from the obligation of the oath they took on enlistment, now that the Indian army is transferred to the service of Her Majesty; but a reference to the oath in question (pages 182 and 3 of the Annual Mutiny Act) will plainly show that all soldiers who were enlisted to serve the East India Company bound themselves equally to serve Her Majesty; they took, in fact, identically the same oath as Her Majesty's recruits, with an additional clause, binding them to serve also the East India Company. It seems clear, therefore, that the transfer of the Indian army to the Crown does not absolve the soldiers of that army from the oath taken by them on enlistment, to "observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over" them.

4. But Lieutenant Colonel Galwey also draws attention to the circumstance, that when a recruit was attested for the Company's service, he was questioned merely with reference to his willingness to serve the East India Company, no mention being made of Her Majesty, as in the corresponding question put to recruits enlisting for the Royal army. Herein, no doubt, consists the difficulty; and Sir Hope Grant, in forwarding Lieutenant Colonel Galwey's letter, has recommended that the application for the men's discharge should be complied with; adding that "it is of the highest importance that this question should be speedily set at rest, as otherwise most vexatious circumstances might ensue."

5. The matter is one on which I offer my opinion with much deference; but it seems to me that whatever doubt may exist as to the force of the limited terms of the attestation, the point has been authoritatively set at rest by the recent Act of Parliament, providing for the better Government of India, under clause 56 of which all Indian military forces are declared to be "under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty as they would have been to serve the said Company." Nothing can be clearer than the provisions of this Act upon the subject; and I humbly conceive that with this Act in full force, it is altogether out of the question that any soldier should be allowed as a matter of right to claim his discharge on the ground that he enlisted for the East India Company only, and has now been transferred to the Crown. I would beg, however, to submit for his Lordship's consideration, whether, looking to the concluding portion of Sir Hope Grant's letter, it may not be desirable to bring the matter at an early date to the notice of the Home Authorities, it being one that may yet assume a more serious shape if the soldiers now seeking their discharge fail to be convinced that their claim to it is untenable.

6. The enclosures received with your letter are herewith returned.

I have, &c.
Keith Young, Colonel,
Judge Advocate General of the Army.

Judge Advocate General's Office,
Allahabad, 12 November 1858.

Enclosure 7, in No. 1.

OPINION of the ADVOCATE GENERAL.

Encl. 7, in No. 1. I AM clearly of opinion that the soldiers of European regiments lately in the service of the East India Company, wheresoever or howsoever such regiments were raised or recruited, are bound to serve Her Majesty without re-enlistment, in the same manner as they would, before the late Act for the Government of India, have been bound to serve the Company. The 56th section of the Act is so explicit as to leave no pretence for the contention that any soldiers,

21 & 22 Vict. c. 106.

soldiers, whether European or native, who formed part of the forces of the East India Company when the Act came into operation, require re-enlistment in order to bind them to serve the Queen as part of Her Majesty's Indian forces.

W. Ritchie,
Advocate General.

Calcutta, 6 November 1858.

Enclosure 8, in No. 1. Encl 8, in No. 1.

TELEGRAM, No 149.

From Lord *Clyde*, 9th November 1858, to Governor General.

THAT which has declared itself in the cavalry regiment at Lucknow has also shown itself among the old soldiers of the Madras Fusiliers. I must impress the gravity of this on your Lordship, and I would urge the necessity of dealing in the matter with the greatest circumspection.

— No. 2. — No. 2.

MILITARY DESPATCH to India, No. 110, dated 31st December 1858.

1. I HAVE read with deep interest and concern your separate Military Despatch, dated 18th November, informing me of the manner in which you have dealt with pretensions set up by soldiers of two of the European regiments of Her Majesty's Indian forces serving in Oude, to a claim for a free discharge or a bounty on re-enlistment, in consequence of the Government of India having been transferred to the Crown from the East India Company, in whose service only they claim to have enlisted.

2. The men of the 4th Light Cavalry, by whom this question was first raised, appear to have been satisfied by the explanations given to them under your orders; but when the same claim was set up by certain soldiers of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, Sir Hope Grant advised that it should be conceded, and the Commander in Chief, in recommending this course, supported his views by arguments based on the virtual assumption, that under the terms of enlistment of these soldiers, it was not competent to the Legislature to transfer their services without their own consent from the East India Company to the Crown.

3. Your Lordship did not adopt the course recommended by Lord Clyde, but, relying on your own conviction, strengthened by the opinion of the Advocate General and the Judge Advocate General of the Army, that the claims above referred to were untenable, you requested the Commander in Chief to aid you in explaining to the soldiers their obligation to obey the clear and explicit enactment of the Legislature, and the determination of Government to enforce obedience to it, assuring them at the same time of his willingness to transmit to Her Majesty's Government any representation they may wish to make regarding the supposed infringement of their rights.

4. I have now to convey to you the hearty approval by Her Majesty's Government of the course which you adopted. I entirely concur in the opinion you have expressed, that the concession of this claim might probably have been attended with consequences far more mischievous than those likely to result from its denial, in regard to its effects on the local European force by the probable diminution of its strength, in unsettling the minds of the native soldiery in the armies of the three Presidencies, and in encouraging the hopes of the disaffected throughout the country.

5. With much anxiety I await further intelligence of the result of the measures which you have adopted; but I feel a confident hope that your views of the merits of the question, and your determination to act upon them, so clearly and forcibly expressed in your communication to the Commander in Chief, will

have been carried out by Lord Clyde in a conciliatory spirit, but with firmness and discretion, that your appeal to the loyalty and good feeling of British soldiers will not have been made in vain, and that they will cheerfully await the decision to be arrived at by Her Majesty's Government, after the most careful investigation of their claims.

6. In the meantime, I shall take immediate measures to obtain an authoritative decision on this important question, and hope to communicate to you the result, with any further instructions that may be necessary, by the next mail.

I have, &c.
Stanley.

— No. 3. —

No. 3. MILITARY LETTER to India, dated 3d February 1859, No. 40.

1. IN continuation of my Despatch, dated 31st December 1858, No. 110, on the subject of the claims of European soldiers, late of the East India Company's service, to their discharge, or to bounty on re-enlistment, I forward for your Lordship's information a copy of the opinions of the Crown lawyers, and of the Judge Advocate General on this subject.

2. Further instructions will follow by an early mail.

— No. 4. —

No. 4. MILITARY LETTER to India, dated 24th February 1859, No. 67.

1. IN my Despatch, dated the 3d instant, No. 40, I forwarded for your information copy of legal opinions which I had obtained on the validity of the claims set up by certain soldiers of the late East India Company's service to the option of discharge or re-enlistment.

2. You will have learned from these documents that the claim of the soldiers is held to be invalid, that the law is clear against it, and that the Legislature in passing that law has not exceeded its powers.

3. It now remains for you to inform the European soldiers of the late East India Company's army, that Her Majesty's Government, having considered the question which you have referred to them, concur entirely in the view which you have taken, and have finally decided that their claim to discharge or re-enlistment with bounty is inadmissible.

— NO. 5. —

No. 5. CIRCULAR.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Sir, Camp Lalroo, 22 April 1859.

BY direction of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, I have the honour to forward, for communication to all the British troops of Her Majesty's Indian army under your command, copy of the General Order by his Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated the 8th instant, No. 480, announcing the final decision of Her Majesty's Government, that the claim of certain European

European soldiers of the late East India Company's forces to discharge, or to fresh enlistment into the Queen's service with bounty, is inadmissible.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

The Officer Commanding ——.

General Orders by His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Fort William, 8 April 1859.

Military Department, No. 480 of 1859.

UPON the recent transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the immediate service of Her Majesty, under the provisions of the Act of the 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106, certain European soldiers of the East India Company's forces having claimed their discharge, or their enlistment anew into the Queen's service with fresh bounty, the subject was brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and referred to the law officers of the Crown.

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council has now to announce to the European soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces in the three Presidencies, who were formerly in the service of the East India Company, that Her Majesty's Government have finally decided that the claim made to discharge, or re-enlistment with bounty, is inadmissible.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

— No. 6 —

Secretary's Letter from Fort William, dated 5 May 1859. No. 6. No. 6.

UNDER instructions from Government, I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, copy of papers, noted in the margin,* relative to some discontentment which has shown itself among the European troops at Meerut, formerly of the East India Company's service, in regard to their transfer to the Crown.

Enclosure 1, in No. 6.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 1, in No. 6.

(Urgent and confidential.)

From Meerut, 2d May, 2.45 P.M.—From Major General *Bradford*.

To Calcutta, Bengal.—To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government.

THE Bengal artillery and cavalry here have shown a very bad spirit in regard to the transfer to the Crown, having held mutinous meetings, at which speeches were made, recommending

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* 1. Electric telegraph message from Major General Bradford, Meerut, to the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated 2 May 1859.
2. Electric telegraph message from the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Major General Bradford, dated 2 May 1859.
3. Electric telegraph message from the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Adjutant General of the Army, dated 3 May 1859.
4. Electric telegraph message from General Bradford to Chief of the Staff, and to Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated 3 May 1859.
5. A correct version of No. 4.
6. Electric telegraph message from Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief of the Staff, dated 4 May 1859.
7. Electric telegraph message from Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to General Bradford, dated 4 May 1859.
8. Electric telegraph message from Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Officer Commanding, Lucknow, dated 4 May 1859.
9. Electric telegraph message from Officer Commanding at Lucknow to Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated 4 May 1859.
10. Electric telegraph message from Major General Bradford to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 4 May 1859.

recommending the guns to be seized. A parade was held this morning, when, on being appealed to by Brigadier Horsford and myself, the old soldiers of the army responded to our call, and two-thirds of them expressed their readiness to serve, with stipulations, while the behaviour of the whole was perfectly respectful. The discontented ones have been relieved from duty, and precautions taken to secure the guns, without, however, removing them from the artillery, which would probably bring on a collision with local troops, namely, the first troop, Royal Artillery, and the 75th. In the 2d Cavalry, who are 800 strong, almost the whole regiment are discontented with the transfer to the Crown. I have referred the matter for the orders of the Commander in Chief.

Enclosure 2, in No. 6.

Encl. 2, in No. 6.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 10 P.M., 2d May 1859.—From Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Meerut.—To Major General *Bradford.*

YOUR message of to-day has been received.

You will, of course, take your orders from the Commander in Chief; but the Governor General in Council desires that you will keep the Government regularly informed of what passes.

Enclosure 3, in No. 6.

Encl. 3, in No. 6.

MESSAGE to be sent by Telegraph:

From Calcutta, 3d May 1859.—From Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Simla.—To Adjutant General of the Army.

THE Commander in Chief has heard of affairs at Meerut. Have general officers commanding Divisions been furnished with warrants giving special powers.

Enclosure 4, in No. 6.

Encl. 4, in No. 6.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 3d May 1859, 1.20 P.M.—From General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I REPORTED last night having ordered two squadrons, carabiniers, to Meerut. The reason for doing so was that matters seemed to be getting worse, and cavalry showed determination to do mischief. The following conversation was overheard by troop sergeant:—"Major Tomb's troop will not join; we will burn their barracks over their heads." An attempt being then expected, I took all necessary precautions to resist, and the night has passed over quietly. Have concentrated the Royal troops, and put 75 pickets closer to Bengal guns than it was before. The spirit of Tomb's troop, which I considered favourable in a message yesterday, is not so good to-day. This is my opinion, without any act on their part to go upon. They are rather hurt at their separation from the Royal troops. I have, as well as I can, cut off all communication between 2d cavalry and artillery. A letter was received in barracks some days ago, and destroyed, to take artillery and cavalry at Lucknow; mutinied*; that Royal infantry would not act against them. State Tomb's troops, good; 70th, bad; 50th, 2d company, 4th battalion, good; 47th bad; 54th depôt, good; 93d bad; 40th, 4th company, 4th battalion, all good. Twelve o'clock.

See Encl. No. 10. *N.B.*—Corrections will follow.

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* The telegrams are printed verbatim, throughout these papers, as received from India.

Enclosure 5, in No. 6.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 5, in No. 6.

From
To

A LETTER was received in barracks some days ago, and destroyed, to say artillery and cavalry at Lucknow mutinied, and that Royal infantry would not act against them. State of troops:—Tomb's troop, good; 70th, bad; 50th, 2d company, 4th battalion, good; 47th, bad; 54th, depôt, good; 90th, bad; 47th, 4th company, 4th battalion, all good. Twelve o'clock.

N. B. Repetition of yesterday's message from General Bradford.

Enclosure 6, in No 6.

MESSAGE to be sent by Telegraph. Encl. 6, in No. 6.

From Calcutta, 4th May 1859.—From Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Simla.—To Chief of the Staff.

GENERAL BRADFORD has been directed to look to the Commander in Chief for orders. Please keep me informed of what is done.

Enclosure 7, in No. 6.

MESSAGE to be sent by Telegraph. Encl. 7, in No. 6.

From Calcutta, 4th May 1859.—From Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Meerut.—To General *Bradford.*

THE numbers of regiments in the last part of your message of yesterday are not understood. You mention, "70th, bad;" you mean, "75th." You mention, "50th," "47th," "40th." What corps are intended? You are of course sending copies of your messages by post.

Enclosure 8, in No. 6.

MESSAGE to be sent by Telegraph. Encl. 8, in No. 6.

From Calcutta, 4th May 1859.—From Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Lucknow.—To Officer Commanding.

Is there any discontent in the European troops at Lucknow, which belonged to the Company's service? Reply immediately, without a moment's delay.

Enclosure 9, in No. 6.

SERVICE Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 9, in No. 6.

From Lucknow, half-past one o'clock, 4th May.—From Brigadier *Chute,* Commanding at Lucknow.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

I AM not aware that there is any discontent in the European corps at Lucknow, which belonged to theCompany's service.

Enclosure 10, in No. 6.

Encl. 10, in No. 6. (No. 318.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 4th May, 9 p.m.—From Major General *Bradford*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to the Government of India.

THE numbers in my telegraph of yesterday refer to the good and bad men in regiments. There are, in Tomb's troop, 70 good and 50 bad; Wittle's company, 47 good and 54 bad; depôt, 93 good and 47 bad; Cay's company, all good, depôt.

No. 7. — No. 7. —

(Separate.)

No. 66 of 1859.—Military Department.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

IN the Governor General's letter from Allahabad, of the 18th of November 1858, a detailed statement was furnished to your Lordship of the occurrences which had taken place previous to that date, in respect to the objections made by the soldiers of the East India Company's forces to the transfer of their services to the Crown.

On the 31st January and 8th February 1859,* letters were received from the Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to documents relative to the desire of certain men of the 1st troop, 1st brigade, Horse Artillery, to be allowed the option of discharge or re-enlistment, on the ground that the East India Company had ceased to exist; and on the 15th February a letter† was received, stating that this troop, having arrived at Lucknow, had been addressed by the chief of the staff, who explained to the men the absolute necessity of obedience to an Act of Parliament, and told them that the subject had been referred to England. It was stated that the demeanor of the men was most respectful and soldier-like, and the Commander in Chief expressed a confident hope that there would be no more trouble in the 1st troop, 1st brigade, Horse Artillery.

* No. 6 of 26 January 1859. No. 10 of 2 February 1859.

† No. 13 of 11 February 1859.

The papers relating to this matter were transmitted, for your Lordship's information, with our letter, No. 23, of the 22d February last.

Upon the receipt of your Lordship's letter, No. 40, of the 3d, and 67, of the 24th February 1859, conveying the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the question, a General Order, No. 480,‡ of 8th April 1859, was issued, announcing that decision to the European soldiers of the late East India Company's army, in the words in which it was conveyed.

‡ Copy herewith forwarded with Circular No. 1152, dated 22 April 1859, issued by direction of the Commander in Chief.

We have now to narrate to your Lordship the occurrences which have followed this announcement.

On the 2d of May a telegram was received from Major General Bradford, commanding the Meerut division, stating that a very bad spirit had shown itself in the Bengal artillery and cavalry at that station, in regard to the transfer to the Crown; that mutinous meetings had been held, at which speeches had been made, recommending that the guns should be seized; that a parade had been held that morning, at which, on being appealed to by himself and Brigadier Horsford, the old soldiers had responded to the call, two-thirds of them expressing their readiness to serve without stipulation, while the behaviour of the whole was perfectly respectful; that the discontented had been relieved from duty, and precautions taken to secure the guns, without removing them from the artillery, which might have brought on a collision with the Royal troops; and, lastly,

lastly, that in the 2d Cavalry, 800 strong, nearly all the men were discontented with the transfer.

In reply, Major General Bradford was desired to take his orders from the Commander in Chief, who was then at Simlah, keeping Government informed of all that passed.

On the 3d May, General Bradford reported by telegram that he had ordered two squadrons of the Carabiniers to Meerut the night before, as matters seemed to be getting worse, and the cavalry showed a determination to do mischief. Conversation had been overheard in the barracks, to the effect that if Tomb's Troop of Horse Artillery (2d troop, 1st brigade) would not join, they would burn their barracks over their heads. All necessary precautions had been taken, and the night passed over quietly. The Royal troops had been concentrated, and all communication between the cavalry and artillery cut off as far as possible. A letter had been read in barracks some days before, and destroyed, to the effect that the artillery and cavalry at Lucknow had mutinied, and that the Royal infantry would not act against them.

Upon this last point we immediately made inquiry of Brigadier Chute, commanding at Lucknow, who, in reply, reported, on the 4th May, that he was aware of no discontent amongst the European troops at that station which had belonged to the Company's service.

On the 4th May the Commander in Chief reported that a few hours after the receipt of the intelligence from Major General Bradford, he had left Simlah for Kussowlie, that he might have command of the telegraph wires, and be in readiness to proceed to Meerut if necessary. His Lordship considered affairs very serious, but that General Bradford had acted judiciously, as it was most important to avoid collision with the troops. The Commander in Chief sought instructions as to what should be done in the crisis, and how far he might act on his own judgment to ward off the necessity for action on the part of the troops, as something beyond Meerut required to be thought of.

In reply, his Lordship was informed, that it was thought of great importance that he should go to Meerut; that it was our opinion that no concession whatever, as regarded re-enlistment, or bounty, was possible; but that if collision could be warded off by giving discharges to some of the least guilty, that might be done, a simple discharge given at Meerut being in itself a punishment. His Lordship was desired not to consider himself tied by the opinion given, but to rely on being supported in whatever his own judgment recommended.

On the 5th May, the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjaub reported, that having heard of the state of things at Meerut, the letters from that station for the artillery at Lahore had been inspected, and that amongst those on the 4th was one from an artilleryman to his comrade at Meean Meer, indicating the combination of all the artillery at Meerut and Delhi for a strike, on or about the 5th of May, and a movement of the artillery and cavalry on Delhi; that the letter also stated that the Royal troops would not act against the artillery, and that the Bengal Artillery at Lucknow and Muttra were in the plot (a copy of this letter is among the enclosures); that warnings had been sent to the general officer at Meean Meer and to Delhi, and to the Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, the Chief Commissioner in Oude, and the Commander in Chief; that all was well in the Punjaub; and that correspondence would be watched at artillery stations.

On the same date, General Bradford reported that highly inflammatory writings had been discovered on the walls of the rears and washhouses of the 2d Cavalry, and that there had been an alarm the night before that the cavalry were turning out, which was, however, unfounded. He had directed the Post-office to be watched, and a man in the artillery had been arrested at the suggestion of the Lahore authorities, founded on an intercepted letter. He proved to be a delegate, in regard to whom the authorities at Meerut had had suspicion.

On the same date the Commander in Chief reported by telegram from Kussowlie, that Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, the Assistant Adjutant General of the Artillery, had arrived, and that all the principal authorities at Meerut were

deeply impressed with the gravity of what had occurred; that the men had acted with deliberation, and hitherto with calmness and respect to their officers, but that the slightest attempt at force would, it was believed, cause resistance; that they were prepared to maintain the point that virtually they are out of the service, and no longer amenable to military law; that secret meetings appear to have taken place, at which dangerous councils were held, and that a mischievous letter had been received from Lucknow, read and destroyed.

His Lordship further reported, that when the order from home was read at Lucknow, dissatisfaction was expressed, but that nothing seemed to have transpired in consequence; and that the arguments adopted by the men are those which have been advanced by the various parties on their side of the question, viz., setting the principle of their enlistment against the clause of the India Bill, which transferred them, without their consent, to the service of the Crown.

His Lordship added, that Lieutenant Colonel Johnson has been ordered to Calcutta, to make a full report of the matter to Government.

The above-recited messages of this day conveyed to us the first evidence that the movement was not confined to Meerut, and that the combination had already extended far.

In reply to the message of the Commander in Chief, his Lordship was informed by us, that it appeared necessary to carry the point of discharges further than had been suggested previously, and that all men wishing it, and who had not been openly insubordinate, might either receive discharge at once, or be allowed to register their names for it, on the understanding that a certain number of men would be allowed to take it per month, until all who so desired it had been released. It was suggested to his Lordship that the first course would be the best, if the number was not too great, and it was intimated that, though the men would not be allowed to re-enlist, they should receive all the advantages usually attendant upon free discharge. It was further suggested that, as this principle would extend to the other Presidencies, a General Order announcing it should be published.

On the 6th the Commander in Chief reported by telegram that affairs had not become worse, and that no overt act had been committed; that to enable the men to state their grievances in a soldier-like manner, a special court of inquiry had been ordered at Meerut, to be conducted by the Judge Advocate General, and a General Order had been issued to this effect by his Lordship, copy of which is herewith sent. It is dated the 5th of May.

On the 7th his Lordship reported that he had evidence of very extensive combination, but that all was quiet at Meerut, and that the men were orderly and respectful, awaiting his decision. An artilleryman at Cawnpore had been confined for refusing to turn out, as being no longer in the service.

On the same day Major General Bradford also reported that things were looking better, and he hoped would soon improve, consequent on the promulgation of the order by the Commander in Chief, which had been read to the troops that morning. All was quiet, the men taken off duty had been directed to return to duty, and the Carabiniers had been directed to halt at Bolundshuhur.

On the same day the Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, informed us by telegram that there had been some excitement in the 1st Cavalry and 4th European Regiment, subsequent to the reading of the General Order at Allahabad which negatived the claims to bounty,—many of the men on the night of the 6th being in liquor, and protesting in an excited manner against being handed over "like bullocks" to the Crown; that the men had been quieted at last, and moved off to their barracks, round which pickets of Her Majesty's 5th Fusiliers were posted, and the night had passed off quietly; that Sir J. Inglis had been sent for, and had arrived on the same night; that the 1st Cavalry had become quite beyond control, that the men broke into the canteen, and attempted to effect the release of some prisoners; that Sir J. Inglis had telegraphed to the Commander in Chief that, unless instructed otherwise, he would disarm the regiment.

In reply, his Honor was informed by us that it was of the utmost importance

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to avoid any collision; that discharges would certainly be given, but to what extent, and on what conditions, could not be determined until Lord Clyde's opinion should be received; and that the great object was to keep the men from compromising themselves by any act of violence.

On the 8th his Honor reported that subsequent to the despatch of his first message Sir J. Inglis had postponed the disarming of the 1st Cavalry, whom he had paraded and addressed on their conduct; that all the men of the regiment had attended; that no complaint was made nor discontent expressed, and that the men were respectful and orderly, though rather sullen; that Sir J. Inglis had little or no apprehension, however, of further trouble, and was fully alive to the great importance of avoiding a collision; and that the 4th European Regiment had been quiet, orderly, and well behaved.

On the 9th a message was received from the officer commanding at Allahabad, stating that the cavalry had refused to turn out that morning; they had mounted guard and were quiet in their own barracks, but had refused to work until the question was decided; that some excitement was apparent in No. 7 company of the 4th European Regiment, and the men had been shouting out to release some prisoners who had been confined in the morning for endeavouring to persuade No. 4 company not to turn out. Also that two men of the 1st Cavalry were seized in No. 7 barrack of the infantry. Some very mutinous language was used to one or two officers, and the night was passed in anxiety.

It was further reported on the 9th that General Inglis had sent to Benares for 300 men of the 60th Rifles, and was to bring down 350 of Her Majesty's 48th from Cawnpore, and that it was his intention to disarm the cavalry unless interdicted by the Commander in Chief.

We desired that General Inglis would not take this step unless ordered to do so by the Commander in Chief, or unless the public safety should make it absolutely necessary. Sir J. Inglis was informed that everything which could hasten a collision was to be avoided as long as possible.

On the same date, the 9th, the Commander in Chief notified his Lordship's concurrence in our proposal of the 5th, to issue a general order, announcing the grant of discharges, but recommended that it should, if possible, be postponed until after the court of inquiry had sat; after which every man who had been attested to serve the East India Company might be allowed to go if he liked; those who chose to remain doing so at their own option under the Act of Parliament and without bounty. His Lordship also announced his intention of directing the assembly of a similar court at Allahabad so soon as the men had returned to their duty; and that Sir J. Inglis had been desired to avoid any collision.

We replied to the Commander in Chief the same day, concurring in the suggestion to keep back the general order, if possible, until the court of inquiry at Meerut was over; but at the same time stating that decisive action might become unavoidable, there being dangerous stations below Meerut; and that accordingly the officers commanding at the different stations, where there were European troops below Meerut, would be informed by us confidentially by telegraph that discharges would shortly be given under certain conditions; but that this was not to be communicated to the soldiers unless at the last it should appear that the men would be led to commit themselves by some unpardonable violence if the concession were not announced. The stations to which we here referred are those of Berhampore, Hazareebaugh, Dinapore, and others at which European troops of the late East India Company's army are quartered, and are not kept in check by the presence of troops of the line.

On the 10th instant, Major General Sir J. Hearsey reported that all was quiet at Barrackpore and Dum-Dum. At Berhampore a partial discontent had shown itself, and excitement had been displayed on the 2d instant in some of the companies of the 5th European Regiment, but all had quieted down, and was going on as usual; three of the ringleaders, young soldiers, had been confined, and would be brought to trial.

On the same date, Major General Bradford reported all quiet at Meerut, and that the court of inquiry had commenced its sittings on the previous day.

On the 11th reports were received from the Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, and from the officer commanding at Allahabad, giving a

more favourable account of affairs at that station. The artillery and 4th European Regiment were quiet, and the 1st Cavalry more orderly, and had paraded that morning for drill under the orders of Sir J. Inglis. Detachments of 350 of Her Majesty's 48th and 150 of the 60th Rifles had arrived.

On the 12th, the Commander in Chief intimated that, in addition to 400 of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles from Benares, he had ordered a wing of Her Majesty's 53d Foot from Gonda to Allahabad, so that should it be essentially necessary to disarm, life might be saved by the display of a very large force.

On the 12th, and again on the 13th, the officer commanding at Allahabad reported the troops all quiet and orderly, and on the latter date, that a court of inquiry had commenced its sittings. Several men of the artillery and cavalry had been heard; the demand of the former is for discharge, that of the cavalry for option to re-enlist, with bounty or discharge.

We forward copy of a letter from a private of Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, to a sergeant of Her Majesty's 88th Regiment at Delhi, dated 6th May; and also copy of one from Colonel Maxwell, commanding Her Majesty's 88th Regiment at that station, to Major General Bradford, dated 7th May, which show the excellent spirit pervading Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, and the 2d European Bengal Fusiliers.

In a report, dated the 11th instant, Brigadier Gordon, commanding at Dinapore, states that there had been no display of bad feeling amongst the artillery at that station, and that the reading of the Government Order, containing the decision of the Home Authorities on the mooted question, had caused no signs of discontent; but that he still believed that the men participate in the opinion general amongst the soldiers of the late Company's army, as to their rights having been infringed; that on the 10th he had inspected the artillery, and though nothing was said, the bearing of the men seemed to him to be sulky and dogged, but their commanding officer had made no discovery of any evil intentions on the part of his men, and did not suspect any.

The Commander in Chief in a telegram, dated the 12th, states that the feeling among the Bengal European troops has made itself apparent at Gwalior, Lahore, and Agra; that in all these places the men were behaving well, except at Gwalior, where the dogged feeling had shown itself, and the 3d European Regiment had evinced a disinclination to turn out for parade.

The Secretary to the Government of the Punjaub reported on the 12th instant, that a Court of Inquiry had commenced its sittings on that day at Meean Meer; that all the non-commissioned officers and most of the old soldiers were sound, and that the behaviour of the men was quiet and respectful.

On the same date the Commander in Chief reported his return from Kussowlie, where he had remained since the 4th instant, to Simla, where his Excellency's presence was required for the proper conduct of the business details of the army.

A message from Allahabad of the 13th, from the Lieutenant Governor North-Western Provinces, reports that all was well at that station; that the troops were perfectly quiet and orderly; that the cavalry had regularly attended parades, and had begged permission to resume duty in the riding school and stables; and that Sir J. Inglis had done his best to encourage the good feeling exhibited, and considered the garrison to be in a satisfactory state.

The officer commanding at Allahabad in a message dated this day, 14th May, reports "All right."

General Bradford, in a message dated this day, reports that all is quiet at Meerut; that Brigadier Showers has requested permission to order an inquiry at Agra, in consequence of ten men having asked for their discharge, and two having been insubordinate; and that he has been authorised to do so.

Having brought down the narrative of events, in a connected form, to the latest moment, we have the honour to report that the aspect of circumstances, as shown in the earlier accounts received from Meerut, and from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, seemed so threatening, as to induce us to address the Right Honourable the Governor of Bombay on the 8th of May, requesting that the embarkation of all Queen's troops might be stopped, and that any about to embark might be detained.

The Madras authorities were at the same time requested to take measures, if possible, for turning back to Calcutta the transports containing Her Majesty's 9th

9th Lancers, and a portion of Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, which had proceeded down the bay. The head quarters and right wing of the latter corps, which was about to embark at Calcutta, we also detained for a time.

A message from Lord Elphinstone of the 9th instant, informed us, that Her Majesty's 14th Light Dragoons, and Her Majesty's 61st and 78th Regiments had not embarked; but that the latter corps was about to do so, that tonnage had been engaged for the whole, and that its being given up would entail heavy expense.

Since matters have become more favourable, we have come to the determination not to retain the wing of Her Majesty's 29th Regiment, and it will accordingly embark and proceed homewards by the ship originally engaged for its transport.

The other wing of this regiment, which is already gone to sea, and the 9th Lancers have not been turned back.

We have by a message of the 14th instant, informed Lord Elphinstone that we desire that one of the two infantry regiments now at Bombay, and the 14th Light Dragoons should remain in India, but that the other infantry regiment should proceed on its voyage.

We much regret that it should be necessary to interfere with the return of any of these corps to England, after the admirable service which they have done, and the toil which they have endured; but at present we have no choice but to do so.

Although the narrative of the events which we have been recounting is meagre in details (being founded mainly upon telegraphic messages), your Lordship will see plainly that for some days a collision between large bodies of our English soldiers has been imminent. Such a catastrophe would be painful and deporable enough in itself at any time, and in any part of the Queen's dominions; but what its consequences would be in India in the still unsettled spirit of many classes of Her Majesty's native subjects, no man can predict.

We hope that the risk of collision is now passed; but it is not the only risk to which we have to look.

Your Lordship will have seen that, acting upon the authority given to the Governor General in Council in your Despatch of the 24th of February, it is our present intention practically to relax the decision to which Her Majesty's Government came upon the question submitted to your Lordship in the Governor General's Despatch of the 18th of November. We cannot say what the precise form and extent of the relaxation will be, until we are in possession of some portion at least of the proceedings of the courts of inquiry now sitting at the principal disturbed stations; but the effect will be to open the door widely to discharges from the local armies of all three Presidencies.

If the men who avail themselves of this opening should be those only who honestly desire to quit the service, the number will probably not be very inconveniently large. But if from temper, or fellowship, or by the influence of bad advisers, whom a simple discharge will not satisfy, the example of these men should be followed by many of their comrades the Government of India will be greatly embarrassed; and this, not merely by the absolute diminution of the strength of the army, but by the moral effect which the departure of large numbers of English soldiers, manifestly against the will of the Government, will be sure to produce upon the native mind.

For this reason we consider it necessary to retain the two regiments already mentioned. It is likely that we shall also retain Her Majesty's 53d Regiment, which is under orders to embark at Calcutta, but has not yet reached the Presidency.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
H. Peacock.

Fort William, 14 May 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 7.

Encl. 1, in No. 7.

MESSAGE by Electric Telegraph.

From Kussowlie, *viâ* Umballa, 4 May, 8.5 p.m.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To the Viceroy and Governor General.

I LEFT Simlah for Kussowlie a few hours after the receipt of General Bradford's first message, that I might at once have command of the wire and be in readiness to proceed on to Meerut if it should be necessary.

Affairs are evidently very serious in that quarter. Bradford appears to have acted judiciously; he must avoid collision, on every account, if it be possible, and I am instructing him to this effect. I am expecting Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, A. D. C., artillery, who is come for the purpose of making a full report. At present the 2d Light Cavalry seems to be in a more dangerous state than the other corps; opinions of the Bengal Artillery being divided. Two squadrons Carabineers have been ordered by General Bradford from Muttra to Meerut. I shall be obliged by an expression of your Lordship's views as to what should be done in this crisis, and how far I may act on my own judgment, to ward off the necessity of action on the part of the troops. Your Lordship will consider with me, we have to think of something beyond Meerut.

Enclosure 2, in No. 7.

Encl. 2, in No. 7.

MESSAGE by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 5 May, 1½ p.m.—From Governor General.

To Kussowlie, *viâ* Umballa.—To Commander in Chief.

I HAVE just received your message.

I think it of great importance that you should go to Meerut.

My opinion is, that no concession whatever, as regards re-enlistment and bounty, is possible.

But that if collision can be warded off by giving discharges to some of the least guilty, this may be done.

A simple discharge given at Meerut is in itself a punishment.

This is the only relaxation I can suggest, although collision will be full of danger.

But do not consider yourself tied by this opinion.

Whatever your own judgment recommends, rely upon being supported.

Enclosure 3, in No. 7.

Encl. 3, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lahore, 5 May, 8 a.m.—From Lieutenant Governor, Punjaub.

To Umballah, Lucknow, Allahabad, and Calcutta.—To General Commanding, for transmission to Commander in Chief.—To Chief Commissioner, Oude.—To Lieutenant Governor, Oude, North Western Provinces, and to the Governor General.

HEARING on the 2d May from Meerut, that the Bengal Artillery there were mutinously inclined, owing to the dissatisfaction at the transfer to the Crown, I caused letters from Meerut to the address of artillery at Lahore to be inspected; among these on the 4th there was found a letter, dated 5th May, from an artilleryman, addressed to his comrades at Meean Meer, indicating the combination of all the artillery at Meean Meer and Delhi; a strike on or about the 5th May, and also a moveme t on the (part of?) European cavalry and artillery at Meerut upon Delhi. The letter also indicated that the Royal troops would not act against the artillery; also, that the Bengal Artillery at Lucknow and Mooltan were in the plot. A meeting of the artillery to be held secretly at Meerut was mentioned, which meeting we now know to have taken place. Warning was sent by the General at Meerut, noon of the 4th May, and Delhi on the morning of the 2d. Bengal Artillery, Light Cavalry at Meerut, were insubordinate at parade, but to this time there is no news of any outbreak. All well in the Punjaub. We shall continue to watch correspondence at all artillery stations. I have sent intimation of the intercepted letters to the principal officers in the Punjaub, to Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, to Chief Commissioner of Oude, and to the Commander in Chief.

Electric Telegraph Department,
5 May 1859.

Enclosure 4, in No. 7.

Encl. 4, in No. 7.

(Confidential.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 5 May, Thursday, 1.15 p.m.—From General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters and Calcutta, Bengal.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government.

HIGHLY inflammatory writings discoveced on the walls of the rear and wash-houses of the 2d company. The following are specimens:—"Stick up for discharge or bounty; if refused, immediately to Delhi." "Unity is strength!" "I sincerely hope no one will volunteer for a fresh bounty. John Company is dead; we will not soldier for the Queen." More to the same effect. There was an alarm last night that the cavalry were turned out, but it appears to have been unfounded. It shows, however, that the arrangements for meeting anything of the sort, good. I have received the Commander in Chief's telegram. I have ordered the post office to be watched. A man of the artillery was arrested last night, on the suggestion of General Windham, founded on intercepted correspondence; he proved to be a delegate whom I had an eye upon. In the 2d Cavalry there are about 180 good, of which 110, or thereabouts, are old dragoons.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
6 May 1859.

Enclosure 5, in No. 7.

Encl. 5, in No. 7.

(Urgent and Confidential.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Kussowlie, *viâ* Umballa, 5 May, 5.15 p.m.—From the Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHNSON has arrived from Meerut. All the principal authorities of that place are deeply impressed with the gravity of what has occurred. The men have acted with deliberation, and hitherto with calmness and respect to their officers. Colonel Johnson says that the slightest attempt of forcible measures would cause resistance; their temper is such that the present state of things cannot last long.

They allege that they have no complaints to make on account of their materials (?) the product being attestation, are prepared to maintain the point that virtually they are out of the service, and no longer amenable to military law. Secret meetings have been held of several hundred men, at which very dangerous councils were held. A mischievous letter was received from Lucknow, read, and destroyed. Great secrecy is maintained by the malcontents, but when spoken to, they allow they are joined in a common cause, and must act together. As yet other stations are reported to be quiet. At Lucknow the satisfaction ("dissatisfaction?") was expressed when the circular was read conveying the last order from England, but nothing seems to have transpired in consequence. Excitement prevails in the Meerut bazaar. The arguments adopted by the men are precisely those which have been advanced by the various parties on their side of the question, during the last six months, viz., setting the principle of their enlistment against the clause of the Indian Bill which transferred them without consent to the Crown. I have desired Colonel Johnson to proceed with all despatch to Calcutta, to report in person to your Lordship. I write by post.

Sic in orig.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Office,
6 May 1859.

Enclosure 6, in No. 7.

Encl. 6, in No. 7.

(No. 395.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph

(Correction in Message of Yesterday.)

From Commander-in-Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

FOR "material exertance," read, "material existence." After viz., read as follows: "letting the principle of constitutional existence as soldiers against the clause," &c.

Enclosure 7, in No. 7.

Encl. 7, in No. 7.

MESSAGE sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 6th May, 4½ p. m.—From Governor General.

To Kussowlie, *viâ* Umballa.—To the Commander in Chief.

I HAVE received your message of yesterday, and also one from Lahore.

This last is very important. It will be wise to carry the grant of discharges further than I suggested yesterday. All men wishing to be discharged, and who have not been openly insubordinate, might either receive discharges at once, or be allowed to register their names for discharges with the understanding that the discharges will be granted at a certain rate per month until all who desire it have been released.

The first course will be the best, if the number is not too great.

Discharged men should not be allowed to re-enlist, but I think that they should receive the advantages usually given to men who are discharged as an indulgence.

If you decide to give discharges, these must be extended to the other stations and presidencies without any delay.

Therefore a general order will be necessary. Shall it be issued, or will you issue it? Let me know immediately what you think of this suggestion, and whether any other course seems to you preferable.

Pray remember that it is only a suggestion, and that any course which you may resolve to take will be supported and defended.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson and your letter cannot be here for five or six days.

6 May 1859. *Canning.*

Enclosure 8, in No. 7.

Encl. 8, in No. 7.

(No. 421.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 6th May, 1.20 p.m.—From General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters, and Calcutta, Bengal.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government of India.

NOTHING has transpired since my report of yesterday. Let this take precedence.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
6 May 1859.

Enclosure, 9, in No. 7.

Encl. 9, in No. 7.

(No. 110.)

(Clear the Line.—Most Urgent and Confidential).

From Kussowlie, 6th May, *vid* Umballa, 6th May, 6.30 p. m.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

THE situation of officers does not seem to have become worse according to the last report, and as yet there does not seem to have been any evil act. I have accordingly ordered a special court of inquiry to give the men an opportunity of stating their grievance in a soldier-like manner. My order for publication at Meerut is very temperate, and I trust will meet your Lordship's approval. Copies of orders issued were sent to you by yesterday's post.

Calcutta, 6 May 1859.

Enclosure 10, in No. 7.

(No. 504.)

Encl. 10, in No. 7.

MESSAGE by Electric Telegraph.

From Kussowlie, 7th May.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

I HAVE evidence of very extensive combination; all remains quiet at Meerut; men orderly and respectful, awaiting my decision. I write by post, and send important documents for your Lordship's consideration. An artilleryman is in confinement at Cawnpore for refusing to turn out, as being no longer in the service, Colonel Young, the Judge Advocate General, passed through this on his way to Meerut yesterday.

Calcutta, 7 May 1859, 8.5 o'clock.

Enclosure 11, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

Encl. 11, in No. 7.

From Allahabad, 7 May.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

REPORTS from Meerut up to the 4th favourable. The general order, negotiating claims to bounty, was read to the cavalry and artillery at this station two or three days ago, and to the 4th European Regiment yesterday evening, about 10 p.m.; several companies were reported to be in a state of mutiny. The Brigadier, with all the officers of the regiment at once went down to the barracks, and found the men for the most part quiet. One company, which had been settled with during the day, was very riotous and insubordinate. Most of the men belonging to this company were in liquor, and protested, in an excited manner, against being handed over, like bullocks, to the service of the Crown. They were quieted at last, and moved off to their barracks, but not before several shots had been fired; it is said in the air. Two bullets came into these grounds, and gave me the first notice of what was going on. Pickets of Her Majesty's 5th were posted round the barracks, and the night passed over quietly. I telegraphed at once to Sir John Inglis, and he will be here in half an hour. There has been no movement as yet among the artillery, but two troops of the cavalry refused to turn out this morning; eventually they obeyed orders, and, on being reminded of the proper course of preferring their complaints, exhibited some contrition; more by post to-day.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
7 May 1859, 2.30 p.m.

Enclosure 12, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

Encl. 12, in No. 7.

From Allahabad, 8 May, 1.11 p.m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

(Most urgent.)

LAST night the 1st Cavalry were in open mutiny, quite beyond the control of their officers. The men broke into the canteen, demanded, and attempted to effect, the release of the prisoners, and were firing their carbines. Sir J. Inglis has telegraphed to the Commander in Chief at Meerut, that, unless instructed otherwise, he will disarm the regiment between six and seven this evening.

Enclosure 13, in No. 7.

(No. 664.)

Encl. 13, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electic Telegraph.

From Meerut, 8 May.—From General *Bradford*.

To Calcutta and Head Quarters.—To Secretary to Government and Chief of the Staff.

NOTHING particular has transpired here, but I have sent, by post, copies of correspondence which I think it advisable that the Commander in Chief and Government should be made aware of.

Electric Telegraph Department,
9 May 1859.

Enclosure 14, in No. 7.

Encl. 14, in No. 7.

COPY of Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

(Urgent and secret.)

From Calcutta, 8 May, 3½ p.m.—From the Governor General.

To Allahabad.—To Lieutenant Governor.

I HAVE received your message of yesterday. It is of the utmost importance to avoid any collision. Pray impress this upon Sir John Inglis.

Discharges will certainly be given, but to what extent and on what conditions, cannot be determined until Lord Clyde's opinion on this point is received.

The one great object is to keep the men from compromising themselves by acts of violence.

Send daily reports.

Enclosure 15, in No. 7.

Encl. 15, in No. 7.

COPY of Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

(Urgent and secret.)

From Calcutta, 8 May, 3 p.m.—From the Governor General.

To the Commander in Chief.—To Kussowlie *viâ* Umballa.

THE latest message that I have received from you is dated the 7th instant.

The news from Allahabad will have reached you; Sir John Inglis must do all that he can to avoid a collision. This has been impressed upon the Lieutenant Governor.

You do not say whether you have received my messages of the 5th and 6th.

I am anxious to know what you think of the proposed General Order.

Early action is only necessary.

Enclosure 16, in No. 7.

Encl. 16, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

(Urgent and secret.)

From Allahabad, 8 May 8.30 p.m.—From the Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

YOUR message of to-day, received at 7 p.m., after my telegram of this morning was despatched; Sir John Inglis postponed the disarming of the 1st Cavalry, but he paraded the men this evening nevertheless, and pointed out to them the folly and criminality of their conduct last night. All the men of the regiment attended without any demur; no contrition was apparent, but no complaint was made, nor discontent expressed. The men were respectful and orderly, though rather sullen. Sir John Inglis has little or no apprehension of further trouble, and he is satisfied that even if it becomes necessary to disarm the 1st Cavalry, there will be no resistance. After Sir John had left my house for parade, Lord Clyde's instructions, similar in spirit to your Lordship's, were received; Sir John has acted on them; he is fully alive to the great importance of avoiding a collision; he will stay here for the present. The 4th Europeans have been quite orderly and well behaved since Sir John addressed them last evening.

I will report daily.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Office,
8 May 1859.

Enclosure 17, in No. 7.

Encl. 17, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 8 May 1859.—From the Governor General.

To Bombay.—To Lord *Elphinstone*.

CLEAR the line.—Cipher.—Stop the embarkation of all Queen's troops; if any are at Bombay about to embark, detain them there. Let any others which may be on their way be stopped where most convenient.

Keep a close watch upon all Company's troops.

Enclosure 18, in No. 7.

Encl. 18, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 8 May, 10.20 p.m.—From Major General *Birch*, C.B.

To Major General Sir *J. Hearsey*.

A COMBINATION to refuse to serve as Queen's soldiers has shown itself strongly at Meerut, partially at Cawnpore, and more at Allahabad. A court of inquiry ordered at Meerut, to let the men state their grievances. I am to request that you will be cautious not to make any display of coercion. What is the state of things at Barrackpore? Pray telegraph daily what passes. A General Order by Commander in Chief will make its appearance immediately. Keep your eye on the 6th European Regiment, at Hazareebaugh, and please report what occurs.

Enclosure 19, in No. 7.

Encl. 19, in No. 7.

COPY Service Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 8 May 1859.—From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To Allahabad.—To Sir *J. Inglis*.

PRAY make such requisition as you think proper from neighbouring divisions or stations for the assistance of Royal troops of the line. Pray report daily what passes.

To General W. Whitlock, Banda.
To General Campbell, Benares.
To Sir Hope Grant, *viâ* Lucknow.

Sir J. Inglis is authorised to call on you for assistance with Royal troops of the line. Comply. Pray report daily what passes.

To Officer Commanding, Allahabad.

PRAY report daily what passes among the troops.

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Encl. 20, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 9 May, 8.30. a.m.—From Colonel *Rice*.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

URGENT.—The night passed away quietly; this morning cavalry have refused to turn out. They mount guard, and are quiet in their barracks, but declare they will not work till the question is decided. The 4th Europeans have paraded this morning, and orderly and quiet. Artillery all right.

Enclosure 21, in No. 7.

Encl. 21, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Kussowlie, 9 May.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

MOST urgent.—I have received your Lordship's telegraph of the 6th instant. Quite conclude (concur ?) in the wisdom of your proposal. If it be possible to put it off so long I would recommend that the order allowing discharges should not be issued till after the Court of Inquiry has sat. This will, to a certain extent, save the appearance of hurry and therefore be conducive to the maintenance of discipline hereafter. It should, I think emanate from your Lordship, coming with more solemnity. As there are military details in which, perhaps, I am more conversant than you, I would propose to submit a draft of an order for your approval, to be issued as soon as the proceedings of the Court reach you in Calcutta. The Judge Advocate General will send a copy to your Lordship direct, beside the one to me. Nothing new from Meerut, or any other quarter.

Enclosure 22, in No. 7.

Encl. 22, in No. 7.

SERVICE Message by Electric Telegraph.

(Urgent and Secret.)

From Kussowlie, 9 May, 1 p.m.—From the Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

URGENT and secret. Your Lordship will have received my second message of the 7th instant. After the Court of Inquiry have duly sat, I would propose to let every man go if he likes who was attested for the East India Company. Those who choose to remain, staying at their own option under the Act of Parliament, without bounty. I propose to order a Court of Inquiry at Allahabad when the men have returned to their duty, similar to that which is reported to have commenced its sitting at Meerut. I have remained myself at this place because of my confidence in the calming effects of the Court of Inquiry, and that I should have been out of the way, being on the road. The particulars for the guidance of general officers must have now nearly all reached their respective destinations; directly I heard from Sir J. Inglis, I desired him to avoid collision.

Enclosure 23, in No. 7.

Encl. 23, in No. 7.

(Urgent and Secret.)

MESSAGE sent by Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 9 May, 7½ p.m.—From the Governor General.

To Kussowlie *viâ* Umballah.—To the Commander in Chief.

I HAVE received your message of this day. Certainly it will be better to keep back the General Order, if possible, until the inquiry at Meerut is over.

But there are dangerous stations below Meerut, and decisive action may become unavoidable.

Meanwhile the order shall be postponed as long as possible, and the commanding officers at Berhampore, Allahabad, Lucknow, and elsewhere, will be informed that discharges will shortly be given under certain conditions to all men who wish to be discharged, and who have not been openly insubordinate, but that this information is not sent for the purpose of being communicated to the soldiers at present, and that the commanding officers are not to communicate it unless they see reason to think that the men will commit themselves by some unpardonable violence if the concession be not announced.

I beg you to let me have the draft order as soon as possible. It can be sent by telegraph.

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Encl. 24, in No. 7.

The Governor General's Instructions to the Military Department.

THE Secretary will have the goodness to telegraph to the commanding officers at Allahabad, Lucknow, Berhampore, and at the other stations below Meerut, at which there are European troops of the late Company, as follows:—

"You are hereby confidentially informed that a General Order will shortly be issued by the Governor General in Council, allowing discharges to be given under certain conditions to all men of the late Company's army who wish to be discharged, and who have not been openly insubordinate. This information is not sent to you for the purpose of being communicated to the soldiers; and you will not communicate it to them unless you see reason to think that they will commit themselves by some unpardonable violence if the concession is not announced.

9 May. *Canning.*

Message sent to Allahabad, Lucknow, Berhampore; by post, Cawnpore, Benares, Hazareebaugh, Barrackpore, Gwalior, Agra.

Enclosure 25, in No. 7.

Encl. 25, in No. 7.

SERVICE Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 9 May, 2 p.m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

TO-DAY Artillery are reported to be quiet. Of the 1st Cavalry only one troop turned out for parade this morning; they were taunted by the men of other troops, and returned to their barracks, saying that they could not act against the general feelings. There was not violence of any kind. 4th ~~Europeans orderly~~; four men in confinement for having tried

tried to induce one of the companies not to parade this morning. Sir John Inglis has sent for 300 men of the 60th from Benares. He has telegraphed to the Commander in Chief that on their arrival he will disarm the cavalry unless interdicted. I think that while the men remain passive, the risk of exasperating them by disarming and bringing on a collision should not be incurred. Sir John has gone to-day to Cawnpore, and will not return until Wednesday. A specified instruction would be acceptable.

Enclosure 26, in No. 7.

Encl. 26, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 9 May, 7 p. m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To the Govenor General.

Urgent and confidential.—It is said that an attempt will be made to-night to release the four prisoners of the 4th. Every precaution has been taken, and no collision will be permitted if it be possible to avoid. The cavalry are reported to be very unruly and insubordinate this evening. The state of things is such that I have telegraphed to Sir John Inglis to bring down the 58th Regiment by special train at once. None of the 60th Rifles can be here until Wednesday; it is necessary that we should be strengthened immediately.

Electric Telegraph Department,
9 May 1859, 8.45 p.m.

Enclosure 27, in No. 7.

Encl. 27, in No. 7.

Message from the Governor General to the Lieutenant Governor, Allahabad.

Calcutta, 10 May.

I beg that Sir John Inglis will not disarm the European Cavalry unless he receive orders to do so from the Commander in Chief, or unless the public safety make it absolutely necessary.

Everything that can hasten a collision must be avoided as long as possible.

Communicate this to Sir J. Inglis.

Enclosure 28, in No. 7.

Encl. 28, in No. 7.

(No. 759.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Benares, 10 May, 12 Noon, from Major General *Campbell*.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*, C.B.

Your message of the 8th instant received, and the requisition of Sir John Inglis; 300 men of the Rifles are proceeding hence by bullock train, in two equal divisions, towards Allahabad; the first division left yesterday morning, and should arrive early to-morrow, the second starts this afternoon.

Enclosure 29, in No. 7.

Encl. 29, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 10 May, 9 A.M.—From Colonel *Rice*.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*, Military Secretary to Government.

Artillery all right. Cavalry created some disturbance at the canteen, one man is reported wounded; they were tolerably quiet during the night, but won't turn out for parade. 4th European Infantry, yesterday morning four men were brought to orderly room, charged with having tried to persuade No. 4 Company not to turn out for parade yesterday; the charge was proved, and the men were confined about 2 p.m.; it was reported that the men swore they would rescue these four prisoners; every precaution was taken. They were separated from the other prisoners in the main guard, and a picked guard under the captain and subaltern of the day, placed over them. Immediately after roll call, at nine o'clock, the No. 7 Company commenced shouting, release the prisoners. The prisoners also continually called on their comrades to release them; some three or four shots were fired over the guard, but no absolute attempt at rescue was made when the shots were fired, on were overheard to say, that's signal to the cavalry. I had, however, taken steps effectually

Sic in orig.

to prevent a junction between the cavalry and infantry. Two in the cavalry were seized in No. 7 Barracks, some very mutinous language was heard (used ?) to one or two officers, and we passed a very anxious night. General Inglis will be here in an hour with 350 of the 48th, and they are urgently required. The men paraded for company drill this morning, and at this moment all is quiet; with the 48th, we shall be all right.

Electric Telepraph Department,
10 May 1859.

Enclosure 30, in No. 7.

Encl. 30, in No 7.

(No. 75.)

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

In answer to your telegram of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report for the information of Government, that all is quiet here, and at Dum Dum, respecting the matter referred to. At Berhampore a partial discontent and excitement displayed themselves on the 2d instant, in some of the companies of the 5th European regiment, but the disturbance was speedily suppressed, and now all goes on as usual. Three of the ringleaders (young soldiers of 10 months' service) have been confined, and will be brought to trial by a court martial.

2. With regard to the latter part of your message, I beg leave to remind you that the 6th European regiment is not under my command, Hazareebaugh being one of the military stations in the Dinapore division of the army, and never has been in the Presidency division, to the best of my recollection.

3. Major General Campbell commands the Dinapore division, and its head quarters are now at Benares.

I have, &c.
J. B. Hearsey,
Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Head Quarters, Presidency Division,
Barrackpore, 10 May 1859.

Enclosure 31, in No. 7.

Encl. 31, in No. 7. Copy of an Intercepted Letter from Gunner *M'Dougall*, 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Bengal Horse Artillery, to the Address of Gunner *Thomas Gosland*, 1st Troop, 2d Brigade, Bengal Horse Artillery, Meean Meer.

My dear friends, Meerut, 1 May 1859.

I am very happy to let you both know that I received your very kind and for ever welcome letters, dated for the 26th April, and I was very happy to see by it that you were both in the full enjoyment of very good health, as I am, my dear friends, very happy to say this leaves me in the full enjoyment of very good health at this time. Thank God for it.

Sic in orig.

But, again, you told me that you had been into trouble since to rote to me last, but my dear Thomas, we must be a very good soldier that can keep out of trouble always, but for all that don't you give up the gost intell you see more of it and again my dear friends I have got something very new to tell you about my troop and the 4th company and the Light Calavery was at a stand last night about the Queen and Company. So now to be cup dark we made up all our minds to send a letter from one to an (another?) on or about the 5th instant, so you may be on the alert for it for we all meet to night at the Munkey Tank for to apint the day of strike for good or for the worse. But I shall not close my letter until I hear wat it is to be then I shall be able to let you know all of it and again our 1st troop is ready to make for Meerut at our cowl, and F. Troop of Royle Horse Artillery they are ready to stand to us at the time to be stated and the 75th do say that not a man will fire a shot at any of us, so things is going on very stady in Meerut and Lucknow and in Muttra with the 3/3 H. A. and in Lucknow with the 1/1 H. A. and the 3/1 H. A. in Delhi, the 4/1 F. A., and the 1/4 F. A. But I cannot tell you all. But you will hear all before long—your troop is the only troop that is at a stand wat to do but you must not let my letter be seen to any of your sarjeants but to as many of the gunners as you like for we will make a fine gale of it when we do make a stand and that will be in a day or to—Exquse this bad riting as this is the 10th letter that I have sent away to day so you must exquse me.

And belave me, &c.
J. M'Dougall,
2/1 Meerut.

Write soon and let me know all the news in Meean Meer.

My dear Gosland, Night of the 1st instant.

It is thought by us that we are not to turn out to-morrow morning to any duty but to stop in our barrack untill we see what they intend to do with us then we ar to march from Meerut to Delhi all at the one time. But I shall write and let you know how we get on with our striking for not to sarve the Queen. So I must say good night and may God bless you both.

Yours, &c.
J. A. M'D.

Enclosure 32, in No. 7.

Encl. 32, in No. 7.

Copy of Telegram to Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Meerut, 7 May 1859.

I have received by the hands of Lieutenant Colonel Johnson the order dated 5 May.

The memorandum of the chief of the staff has been published in division orders, and read to troops and companies of B. Artillery and Cavalry this morning. The men who have been taken off duty have been directed to return to duty. The Carabineers have been halted at Bolundshur, and the batch of artillery recruits which were halted at Kurkowdah, have been directed to march into cantonments to-morrow morning.

I trust I shall be able to report in a day or two, that an improved spirit pervades the troops, consequent on the promulgation of the order this morning. All is quiet at Meerut. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson proceeded towards Calcutta last night.

J. F. Bradford,
Major General,
Commanding Meerut Division.

Enclosure 33, in No. 7.

(Confidential.)

By Order of the Commander in Chief.

Encl. 33, in No. 7.

Circular Memorandum by the Chief of the Staff, for the guidance of Officers Commanding Divisions.

Kussowlie, 5 May 1859.

The major general commanding the —— Division is informed that a very serious ebullition of feeling, verging on absolute misconduct, has shown itself at "Meerut" among the European troops of the Bengal Army, on account of the alleged grievance of their transfer to the Crown under the 56th Clause of the Indian Bill of last year.

2. The greatest care has been taken at "Meerut" to prevent violence or collision, and while calling on the malcontents to perform their duty as soldiers, his Excellency the Commander in Chief has ordered a special Court of Inquiry, for the purpose of hearing what every man has to say respecting any complaint it may be his wish to offer.

3. If any feelings or conduct of a like sort should manifest themselves in the —— Division, it will be necessary to follow the same course as that adopted at "Meerut;" to exercise great forbearance towards the men, and to hear what they have to say, while their expressions are couched in a respectful and soldier-like style, and conveyed through the proper channel of the regimental officers.

4. A copy of the instructions sent to Major General Bradford is enclosed for the Major General's guidance, to be made use of if circumstances should unhappily require it; but not to be published without necessity. If published at all, it should be entered in all the regimental and Company's books of every European corps, including Her Majesty's regiments in the stations affected; but it should not be made known to the native regiments.

5. The Major General will not fail to make a frequent report by telegraph to the Chief of the Staff, for the information of his Excellency, if any doubt should arise in his mind as to the feelings of any European corps belonging to the Bengal Army under his command.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

By Order of the Commander in Chief.

Memorandum by the Chief of the Staff, for the guidance of Major General *Bradford*, C.B., Commanding Meerut Division.

Head Quarters, Kussowlie, 5 May 1859.

The following order will be published at "Meerut" in Division Orders:

The Commander in Chief has received a full report of the disquiet that has lately pervaded the minds of some of the men belonging to the Bengal Artillery and the 2d European Cavalry, at "Meerut."

2. His Excellency is happy to observe that the demeanor of the men towards their officers has been properly respectful.

3. If a soldier has a complaint to make, or considers himself in any manner aggrieved, it is his right to make a proper and respectful representation, through the usual channels, to superior authority, and to ask for redress. But when this representation has been made, the soldier must be at his duty; and he must wait with due deference, patience, and obedience, for the ultimate decision.

4. The Commander in Chief desires that the soldiers of the Bengal Artillery and 2d Light Cavalry, who have lately been struck off duty, may return to their duty.

5. The Major General commanding the division is directed to convene a Special Court of Inquiry, for the purpose of hearing what every man has to say. The evidence taken will be the fullest possible. Each man in the two (2) regiments will be called upon to state whether he has any grievance, and if so, what that grievance is, and what are the grounds of it. It is only by such means that the Commander in Chief can arrive at the real merits of the case as considered by the men, and in this manner the assurance will be conveyed to them that every man's sentiments will become known to the highest authority, and that due consideration will be given to them.

6. With regard to the question at issue, viz., the transfer to the Crown of the late Company's Army, which has caused the recent excitement, the men will perceive that it affects them in common with their officers and all the services of this country, including the Civil Service. There is no distinction drawn between any ranks, and they are called on alike to obey an "Act of Parliament." But if any party feels himself aggrieved by an "Act of Parliament," he is at liberty to petition respectfully against it. It is on this ground that his Excellency has ordered the Court of Inquiry, viz., to enable the men who consider themselves aggrieved by the late Act to give expression to their own views, or, in other words, to petition against what they conceive to be a hardship, in a soldier-like and regular manner; which they understand themselves.

7. The Court of Inquiry will assemble, composed as follows, immediately after the arrival of the Judge Advocate General at Meerut:

PRESIDENT.

Brigadier R. Horsford, Bengal Artillery.

MEMBERS:

Colonel A. Huyshe, Bengal Artillery.
Colonel W. Radcliffe, Her Majesty's 75th Foot.

Colonel K. Young, the Judge Advocate General of the Army, will conduct the proceedings.

8. The above order will be entered in the Regimental and Company Orderly Books of all the European corps at Meerut.

By order,
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Enclosure 34, in No. 7.

Encl. 34, in No. 7. (No. 876.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 10 May, 1.4 p.m.—From General *Bradford*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut. Court of Inquiry commenced yesterday.

Enclosure 5, in No. 7.

Encl. 35, in No. 7. (No. 844.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 11 May, 3.30 p.m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

HALF-TROOP Horse Artillery quiet; 1st European Cavalry more orderly yesterday and last night. Were ordered by the General this morning on parade to turn out in future. The four prisoners of 4th Europeans lodged in the Fort last evening. Regiment quiet and paraded this morning. City, which was at one time in some apprehension, re-assured; 150 of 60th Rifles arrived this morning.

Enclosure 36, in No. 7.

(No. 880.) Encl. 36, in No. 7.

SERVICE Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Kussowlie.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To the Governor General.

I HAVE ordered 400 men, 60th Rifles, from Benares to Allahabad; also right wing, 53d Foot, from Gonda, to the same destination, so that should it be essentially necessary to disarm, we may save life by the display of a very large force.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Department,
11 May 1859.

Enclosure 37, in No. 7.

(No. 821.) Encl. 37, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 9 a.m. Wednesday, 11 May.—From Colonel *Rice*, Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*, Military Secretary to Government.

ARTILLERY all quiet. Cavalry paraded this morning for the General, who ordered them to parade for drill in future. Tolerably quiet all night. 4th Regiment, European infantry, quiet and orderly; paraded this morning. I sent the four prisoners to the Fort last evening. 350 of the 48th arrived at 10 a.m. yesterday, and 150 of the Rifles from Benares, last night. I have no fear of any outbreak now.

Electric Telegraph Departmen
11 May 1859, 3.30 p.m.

Enclosure 38, in No. 7.

(No. 945.) Encl. 38, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 10 a.m. Thursday.—From Colonel *Rice*, Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*, Military Secretary to Government.

THE troops are quiet and orderly. Under orders from Lord Clyde, a special Court of Inquiry will assemble to-morrow to record all grievances.

Electric Telegraph Department,
12 May 1859.

Enclosure 39, in No. 7.

To Major General *Bradford.* Encl. 39, in No. 7.

My dear General, Delhi, 7 May.

I SEND you a copy of a letter received from Meerut, as it may be satisfactory to know the feeling in the 75th Regiment towards the troublesome Light Cavalry.

Colonel Sherwill continues most satisfied with his regiment, and I believe he is kept well informed of everything that occurs in his regiment. After I spoke to his regiment on the morning of the 5th, some few men expressed a wish to know whom they were serving; he explained to them their position, and they left him satisfied, and were most respectful and soldier-like. A serjeant of the 2d Bengal Fusiliers dined a few days ago with the serjeants of the Artillery, and whilst at dinner a soldier of the Artillery, in the adjoining room, was heard to say, "If the Fusiliers will only whistle we will take the guns into the palace." The serjeants' mess-room is only divided by a screen from a room occupied by the gunners, and immediately the serjeants went into the room to try and arrest the speaker, but there were about 30 men in the room, and it was not possible to find out the delinquent.

The subject of bringing in the guns into the palace has been spoken about in the Artillery, and Colonel Sherwill tells me that one of his men was heard to say, "If they do come we will soon throw them off their horses."

Believe me, &c.
G. Vaughan Maxwell.

Enclosure 40, in No. 7.

Encl. 40, in No. 7.

To Serjeant *Barry*, 88th Regiment.

Dear Friend,

I TAKE my pen in hand to write these few lines to you, hoping they may find you in the enjoyment of good health, as I and family are at present.

But I wish to inform you that with regard to the 2d Light Cavalry, they are in a very disturbed state at present. The 75th are under arms this last six days, night and day; they are threatening to attack us, and also to take the artillery guns, and still they are not game to do so. Patrick, I assure you that it is much better for them to say their prayers, for it is out of their power to perform the same for the trouble they have caused, as, if they attempt to move, they will get it as hot as ever John Pandy did, and damned well they know it. They sent down word to the Artillery to give them six guns, and if not, that they would take them; but, as I said before, they are not game to do so. But, at all events, we are very well annoyed by them night and day. We mentioned to our officers to allow us to go up to their quarters and disarm them, but that could not be until the Commander in Chief arrived here; he is expected to-day or to-morrow, and when he does arrive there will be dirty work. I am afraid (sic, G. V. M.), but for all that it is nothing but what some of them highly deserve. But if they meddle with one of the 75th they will curse the day they were born; they are a crack regiment, I believe; but even so, I think it much better for them to stop in their own quarters, for if they show their nose down here they won't go back; in fact, they have us fairly annoyed; still they won't show us a front; that is all we want; but keep this to yourself.

Family send their kind respects, &c. &c.

Ed. Fahey,
No. 1 Company, 75th Regiment.

This letter is addressed to Serjeant Patrick Barry, 88th Regiment, Delhi.

G. V. Maxwell, Colonel.

Enclosure 41, in No. 7.

Encl. 41, in No. 7.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Mahableshuhur 7 (11?) May 9.—From Lord *Elphinstone.*

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

SECRET.—Urgent.—Your cipher message of Sunday, 8th May, 7.50 p.m., and the confidential one of yesterday, for Lord Stanley, received. Both have been sent to Lord Stanley by the outgoing mail. The 14th Light Dragoons, and the 61st and 78th, have not yet embarked; the 78th were on the point of embarking, and the 61st, and two detachments of the 14th Dragoons, have arrived at Bombay. Tonnage has been taken up for the whole of these troops, and if the vessels are detained the demurrage will be heavy. The monsoon also is at hand, and if you are likely to require any of the 61st and 78th, had be sent round to Calcutta at once. It will be difficult to find shelter for them here, as we have plenty of horses in the depôt. The 14th, if they are to be detained, they had better be sent to Kirkee, where they will very soon become efficient.

Enclosure 42, in No. 7.

Encl. 42, in No. 7.

(No. 978.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simlah, 12 May, 3.15 p.m.—From the Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

HAVE returned to Simlah, as I have found references so numerous that business was coming to a stand still; my intention was to have proceeded to the plains with the Adjutant General, but as the telegraph is now working from Simlah, and as it is necessary to communicate with so many stations generally, it is expedient that I should retain with the head quarters' staff.

Electric Telegraph Department, 12 May 1859.

Enclosure 43, in No. 7.

(No. 1023.) Encl. 43, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simlah, 9 p.m., 15 May.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

The reports to-day show that the feeling among the Bengal European troops has made itself apparent at Gwalior, Lahore, and Agra; in all these places the men are represented to be behaving well except Gwalior, but the dogged feeling shows itself at Gwalior; the 3rd Europeans were indisposed to turn out for parade.

Electric Telegraph Department, 13 May 1859.

Enclosure 44, in No. 7.

(No. 965.) Encl. 44, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, May 12, 4 p.m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta, Bengal.—To Governor General.

Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry quiet, orderly, and subordinate to-day; they are overawed by the presence of the 48th, 60th men. I apprehend no disturbance while they remain. A Court of Inquiry will commence its sitting to-morrow; the proceedings will engage the minds of the men, and keep them out of all mischief, I have no doubt. Sir John Inglis, I am happy to say, still here. City people quite re-assured.

12 May 1859.

Enclosure 45, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 45, in No. 7.

From Lahore, 12 May.—From Secretary to Government.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Foreign Department.

The following is a part of a note from General Wyndham, just received:—"I spoke to the men last evening, and the Court of Inquiry met this morning, and say every man of the 2nd Troop of Horse Artillery that was not in hospital; the contents were 66, the mal-contents 83. All the non-commissioned officers are sound, and nearly all the old soldiers of the mal-contents; about half are for discharges, the other half are for bounty; the behaviour of the men very quiet and respectful, and I believe so remain until they hear the grand decision. No sort of collision has occurred, and none, I hope, will."

Electric Telegraph Department,
13 May 1859.

Enclosure 46, in No. 7.

(No. 1036.) Encl. 46, in No. 7.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 13 May, 1 p.m.—From Lieutenant Governor.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

The troops are perfectly quiet and orderly; the cavalry have regularly attended parades since the General's return from Cawnpore, and have begged permission to resume duty in the riding schools and stables. The General has done his best to encourage the good feeling that has been shown, and he permits me to say that he considers the garrison to be in a satisfactory state. The Court of Inquiry commenced its sittings to-day. City and native population easy.

Electric Telegraph Department, 13 May 1859.

Enclosure 47, in No. 7.

Encl. 47, in No. 7. (No. 895.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Madras.—From Quartermaster General.

To Calcutta.—To Quartermaster General.

EVERY means on our part will be made use of to turn back the transports, with the 29th and 9th Lancers on board.

Electric Telegraph Department, 11 May 1859.

(No. 2437, of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency, Fort William, Calcutta, 12 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

THE foregoing forwarded to Major General R. J. H. Birch, C.B., for the information of Government, with reference to verbal instructions received from the Military Secretary to Government.

John S. Paton, Colonel,
Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army.

Enclosure 48, in No. 7.

Encl. 48, in No. 7. (No. 1117.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad.—From Colonel *Rice*, commanding.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

11 a.m., Saturday. All right.

Enclosure 49, in No. 7.

Encl. 49, in No. 7. (No. 1148.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 14 May, 1.20 p.m.—From General *Bradford*.

To Head Quarters and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut. I received an urgent telegram yesterday from Brigadier Showers requesting permission to order an inquiry at Agra, in consequence of ten men having asked for their discharge, and two being insubordinate. I have granted permission, which I hope will be approved of.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department, 14 May 1859.

Enclosure 50, in No. 7.

Encl. 50, in No. 7. MESSAGE sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Calcutta, 14 May 1859.—From Governor General.

To Bombay.—To Lord *Elphinstone*.

THE 14th Light Dragoons and one of the infantry regiments must be retained, and the tonnage discharged.

The other infantry regiment should proceed to England.

Let me know which you retain.

Where can you best find accommodation for them? It is not necessary that they should come to Calcutta.

The Dragoons may be disposed of as you propose.

— No. 8. — No. 8.

(Military, No. 217, of 1859.)

My Lord, India Office, London, 27 June 1859.

Para. 1. I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters in this Department, No. 6,* dated 5th May, and No. 66, dated 14th May 1859, containing a narrative of the occurrences which have followed the issue of General Order, No. 480, in which the decision of Her Majesty's Government was announced to the European soldiers of the late East India Company's Army, upon the desire which had been expressed by certain men to be allowed the option of discharge or re-enlistment with bounty, upon the ground that the East India Company had ceased to exist.. *(Secretary's).

2. I have to express the satisfaction with which Her Majesty's Government have received the information that the measures taken by the officers commanding at the different stations where discontent has been shown by the European troops of the late Company's service have had the effect of arresting the open expressions of discontent.

3. I have to express to you the approval of Her Majesty's Government of the measures which your Government has adopted in this emergency, and I beg that you will convey to his Excellency the Commander in Chief their approbation of the prompt and judicious measures which he has taken, and which, up to the date of your letter under reply, have met with success.

4. Her Majesty's Government also approve of the steps which you have taken with regard to the detention of one infantry regiment at Bombay, and of the 14th Light Dragoons.

5. Her Majesty's Government are prepared to approve of the course suggested by you to the Commander in Chief on the 9th of May, and concurred in by his Excellency, for granting discharges to such men as may be unwilling to remain in Her Majesty's service.

6. The men to whom you grant such discharges should be marched in the usual manner by detachments to the place where they are to be embarked for England, and continue under discipline until their arrival here.

7. Circumstances, however, may be brought to your knowledge which would change your views of the course which you have indicated it to be your intention to adopt. Her Majesty's Government feel that it may be important that the decision on the conduct to be pursued in so serious a difficulty should be arrived at without delay of a reference home.

8. Her Majesty's Government have already given you the most ample discretion on the subject, and they are now anxious to assure you that you may rely on their support, either in the course which you have proposed, or in any other which, after full consideration of all the circumstances, you may think it expedient to pursue with the view of preventing the embarrassment which would arise from the discharge of a large number of the local European troops.

I have, &c.

His Excellency the Right Honourable *Charles Wood.*
The Governor General of India in Council.

— No. 9. — No. 9.

MILITARY LETTER from India, dated 18 May 1859. No. 68.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter, No. 66, of the 14th instant, we now forward, for your Lordship's information, such further information as has reached us in regard to the spirit of discontent existing amongst the European troops of Her Majesty's Indian forces at their transfer to the Crown.

The enclosed correspondence,* received from the Home Department, shows in greater detail the occurrences at Allahabad; a summary account of which, compiled from the telegrams which had reached us, was contained in our letter of the 14th instant. *Home Department, No. 1316, dated 17 May 1859.

On the 12th instant, the officer commanding at Hazareebagh, where the 6th European regiment is quartered, reported that all was quiet, and that no discontent whatever was apparent; but demi-official information, dated the 16th instant, represents that some of the men had then just shown an insubordinate feeling, and had been either summarily punished, or confined, and reported to Army Head Quarters. The men, however, for the most part, are stated to be orderly; and it has been promised to all by their commanding officer that what they have to say shall be heard.

On the 16th instant it was reported by Major General Bradford that all was quiet at Meerut, where two squadrons of the Carabiniers had arrived; and on the same date a message was received from Brigadier Dennis, of Her Majesty's 60th Royal Rifles, who had assumed command of the brigade at Allahabad, stating that he had found all quiet, though he considered matters in an unsatisfactory state; but that he would not again report by telegram unless anything extraordinary occurred to call for it.

P. S.—In a message of the 15th May, the Commander in Chief informs us that quiet prevails; but that it may be called the tranquillity of expectation, the men of the Artillery generally claiming either their discharge or re-enlistment, maintaining that, having been sworn to serve the Company, they cannot, even if they wished, serve the Crown without a fresh enlistment.

A Court of Inquiry had commenced its sittings at Gwalior on the 18th instant. The Artillery were quiet, and doing all duties as before; the 3d European Regiment perfectly respectful, and doing all duties, but declining parade.

All concurred in the main point, that they enlisted to serve the Company, and were entitled to a free discharge when the Company's service ceased to exist, and that they objected to be transferred to the Crown without their own consent.

The men were confined to their lines, and were allowed no grog whilst declining parades. Several prisoners had been made for conduct connected with the question.

Enclosure 1, in No. 9.

Encl. 1, in No. 9. From Lieutenant Colonel *Bourchier*, commanding Detachment Her Majesty's 73d Regiment, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir, Fort Allygurh, 3 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report my departure this day from Allygurh, with a detachment, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, under my command, ordered to proceed to Meerut; strength as per margin*.

* DETACHMENT HER MAJESTY'S 75TH REGIMENT.

Marching-out State of the above Detachment.

DISTRIBUTION.	Field Officer.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Privates.	REMARKS.
Present fit for duty	1	1	3	1	12	10	2	137	
Sick - - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	
Total - -	1	1	3	1	12	10	2	139	By bullock train.

Enclosure 2, in No. 9.

Encl. 2, in No. 9.

MESSAGE sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 4 May.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

NOTHING of consequence has transpired since last report. The men are perfectly respectful and quiet, waiting decision from head quarters.

Enclosure 3, in No. 9.

Encl. 3, in No. 9.

From Lieutenant Colonel *Bourchier,* commanding Detachment Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir, Meerut 5 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report my arrival this day at Meerut, in command of a detachment, Her Majesty's 75th Regiment; strength as per margin*.

Enclosure 4, in No. 9.

Encl. 4, in No. 9.

(No. 399.)

Sir, Agra, 4 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that in obedience to a telegram received yesterday morning from Major General J. F. Bradford, C.B., commanding the division, a detachment of two complete squadrons of Her Majesty's 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers) under command of Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer, marched from this station last night, in progress to Meerut, with orders to proceed by double marches.

I have, &c.

Sir G. D. Showers, Brigadier,
Commanding Agra and Muttra Districts.

To the Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army, Calcutta.

(No. 2410, of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency, Fort William, Calcutta, 9 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of Government.

John S. Paton, Colonel,
Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army.

* DETACHMENT HER MAJESTY'S 75TH REGIMENT.

Marching-in State of the above Detachment.

DISTRIBUTION.	Field Officer.	Captains.	Subalterns.	Staff	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	Privates.	REMARKS.
Present fit for duty	1	1	3	1	12	10	2	136	
Sick - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Prisoners - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Total - -	1	1	3	1	12	10	2	139	By bullock train.

Enclosure 5, in No. 9.

Encl. 5, in No. 9.

Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 9 May 1859.—From Major General *Bradford*, commanding Division.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut. Men at their duty just as usual. Special Court of Inquiry ordered by C. in C. assembles to-day. I have received a private letter from Chief of the Staff, dated 7th May.

Enclosure 6, in No. 9.

Encl. 6, in No. 9.

(No. 414.)

Agra, 6 May 1859.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, the arrival this morning of the remaining portion, strength as per margin,* of the column lately employed under me on special duty in the district.

I have, &c.
St. G. D. Showers, Brigadier,
Commanding Agra and Muttra Districts.

To the Deputy Quartermaster General
of the Army, Calcutta.

(No. 2435, of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency,
Fort William, Calcutta, 11 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of Government.

B. E. Bacon, Captain,
For the Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army.

Enclosure 7, in No. 9.

Encl. 7, in No. 9.

Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 11 May 1859.—From Major General *Bradford*.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

NOTHING particular has transpired here. Eight men examined yesterday by special Committee. I shall discontinue a daily report unless anything of importance occurs.

Enclosure 8, in No. 9.

Encl. 8, in No. 9.

Message sent by Electric Telegraph.

From Dinapore, 11 May 1859.—From Brigadier *Gordon*, commanding at Dinapore.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

YOUR message of the 10th instant received.

There has as yet been no display of bad feeling among the men of the 4th Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, at this station, and the wording of the Government order, containing the decision of the Home Authorities on the mooted question, I am told, caused no signs of discontent at the same. There is no doubt that the men participate in the opinion, general among the soldiers of the late Company's army, as to their rights having been infringed. Yesterday morning inspected the Artillery at this station, chiefly to give the soldiers

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* 6th Dragoon Guards.—9 officers, 13 non-commissioned officers, 191 rank and file, 227 horses.

4th Sikh Cavalry.—5 officers, 9 native officers, 30 non-commissioned officers, 322 rank and file, 359 horses.

soldiers an opportunity of speaking out, should they be so disposed; and though nothing was said, the bearing of the men seemed to me sulky and dogged. The commanding officer, however, though cautioned, has not made any discovery of evil intentions on the part of his men, nor does he at all suspect them.

The movement seems to be extending downwards, and the concession of allowing discharges having been determined upon, I respectfully beg to recommend that any passive resistance of authority on the part of the Artillery soldiers at Dinapore be anticipated. It would, I think, be sufficient to recall the late Government order, and to notify that the subject was under the reconsideration of Government, or to do the last without recalling the Government order.

Enclosure 9, in No. 9.

On the Public Service. Encl. 9, in No. 9.

From Hazarebaugh.—From Captain *E. T. Wraughton,* Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

ELECTRIC telegraph message and confidential letter, Fort William, number four hundred and forty-four (444), dated 10th May, received.

Everything very quiet at Hazarebaugh; no discontent whatever apparent.

Enclosure 10, in No. 9.

(No. 1027.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 10, in No. 9.

From Allahabad, 11 a.m. Friday.—From Colonel *Rice,* Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch,* Military Secretary to Government.

ALL the troops quiet and orderly; the Court of Inquiry assembled this morning; 25 men from Horse Artillery, and four per troop of the Cavalry, had their grievances recorded. All the Artillery, with only, I think, two exceptions, want their discharge, and conveyance to their homes in England. The Cavalry want the option of re-enlisting for Her Majesty's service, with bounty, or a free discharge.

Enclosure 11, in No. 9.

(No. 1191.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 11, in No. 9.

From Meerut, 15 May, Sunday, 12.50 p.m.—From General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut.

Enclosure 12, in No. 9.

(No. 1373.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 12, in No. 9.

From Simla, 15 May.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

ALTHOUGH before active * * * it is prudent to wait for the termination of the various Courts of Inquiry now sitting in different stations. Our information regarding the feeling of the Bengal Artillery is sufficiently complete; we have evidence that sympathy exists in every regiment, and that the discontent runs throughout. The statement is general that they either claim their discharge, or re-enlistment; the men make out their case from attestation, and intend to prove, that having been sworn to serve the Company, they cannot, even if they wished, serve the Crown without a fresh enlistment. Quiet now prevails, but it may be called the tranquillity of expectation, according to the reports of the general officers.

N.B.—Delayed at intermediate stations for correction.

**Sic. in orig.*

Enclosure 13, in No. 9.

(No. 1276.)

Encl. 13, in No. 9.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 16 May, 1.55 p.m.—From General *Bradford.*

To Calcutta and Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut; two squadrons of Carabineers have arrived.

Enclosure 14, in No. 9.

(No. 1272.)

Encl. 14, in No. 9.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad.—From Colonel *Dennis,* Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch.*

I ASSUMED command of this brigade this day, and found all quiet; but I consider matters in an unsatisfactory state; but will not again report by telegraph unless something extraordinary calling for it occurs.

Enclosure 15, in No. 9.

(No. 322.)

Encl. 15, in No. 9. From Major General *G. Campbell,* Commanding Dinapore Division, to the Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army, Calcutta, dated Benares, 11 May 1859.

Sir,

1st Batt. 60th Rifles, 9 May, 6 officers, 149 men. 10 May, 4 officers, 159 men.

I HAVE the honour to report, that on the requisition of Major General Sir John Inglis, K.C.B., the troops noted in the margin left this by bullock-train for Allahabad on the dates specified.

(No. 2502, of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency, Fort William, Calcutta, 16 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

THE foregoing forwarded to Major General R. J. H. Birch, C.B., for the information of Government.

John S. Paton, Colonel,
Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army.

Enclosure 16, in No. 9.

(No. 984.)

Encl. 16, in No. 9. From *W. Grey,* Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, to *G. Couper,* Esq., Secretary to the Government of North Western Provinces, dated Fort William, 17 May 1859.

Sir,

Home Department.

No. 1690 A, dated 11 May 1859.
No. 1722, dated 12 ditto.
No. 1738, dated 13 ditto.
No. 1751, dated 14 ditto.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, noted in the margin, conveying information regarding the disaffection recently shown by some of the English troops of Her Majesty's Indian army stationed at Allahabad. These reports will be communicated to the Secretary of State by the mail which leaves to-morrow.

2. The measures taken by the magistrate of Allahabad, under the Lieutenant Governor's directions, for protecting the city and station, appear to have been judicious, and to have proved effectual in quieting the apprehensions which had naturally been excited in the minds of the native population.

3. Adverting to the 15th paragraph of your letter of the 11th instant, I am desired to state that the instructions communicated to the Lieutenant Governor in regard to disarming the troops were plainly discretionary, leaving it to his Honor, in conjunction with the military authorities, to judge when it might be absolutely necessary for the public safety to have recourse to that measure; and the Governor General in Council, I am to add, is thoroughly confident that, whatever circumstances might arise, his Honor would judge wisely upon this important point.

I have, &c.
W. Grey,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(No. 1,316.)

ORDERED, that a copy of the foregoing letter, together with copies of the letters to which it is in reply, be forwarded to the military department, for information and such further orders as may be necessary.

W. Grey,
Secretary to the Government of India.

From *G. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to Government of the North Western Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, No. 1,690A, dated Allahabad, the 11th May 1859.

IN illustration of the Lieutenant Governor's daily telegrams to the address of the Right Honourable the Governor General, I am directed to communicate the following information regarding the disaffected state of the troops of Her Majesty's Indian army at this station for the consideration and orders of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

2. It appears that the Government order, informing these men that they had no claim to fresh bounty and to re-attestation, was communicated, on its receipt, to the Artillery and to the 1st Cavalry. The men of the 4th Infantry, however, were in a sickly condition, and, on the motion of their doctor, general parades of the regiment were suspended; the order consequently was not read to them until sunset on Friday, the 6th May. At 10 o'clock that night several companies of this corps were reported to be in a state of mutiny, and several shots were fired, two of which entered the Lieutenant Governor's compound, which is contiguous to the barracks, and gave him the first intimation of what was going on. Their officers, however, succeeded at last in restoring order. On the morning of the 7th May, a similar spirit manifested itself among the men of the 1st Cavalry, two troops of which refused to appear on parade.

3. The aspect of affairs during the night of the 6th seemed to the Lieutenant Governor to demand the immediate presence of the General commanding the division, and he had telegraphed accordingly to Sir John Inglis, at Cawnpore. The General arrived by the early train of the 7th. On the same day, in concert with the magistrate and with the officer commanding the police battalion, measures were taken to protect the city by strengthening the guards. The people were at first alarmed by these preparations, but have since regained confidence, and are perfectly re-assured and quiet.

4. Sir John Inglis paraded the several regiments on the evening of the 7th, and told them that whatever grievances they might believe to exist would be inquired into, but that their representations must be preferred in a soldier-like manner. The general dismissed the 4th Infantry, as having exhibited perfect satisfaction with what he had said. The 1st Cavalry he stated to be respectful, but sullen; and the Artillery disclaimed all sympathy with the movement. There is, however, reason to suspect that the last are the real instigators of the demonstration. They are mostly men of at least eight years' service, and are reluctant to commit themselves to a line of action which might involve the loss of the benefits which their period of service secures to them; but they are believed to have incited their younger comrades to revolt, under the assurance that, if called upon, they would refuse to act against them, and with the purpose, of course, of themselves obtaining the bounty, if it were conceded to those whom they made use of as their tools.

5. On the night of the 7th, the 1st Cavalry resorted to fresh acts of insubordination and mutiny. They broke into the regimental canteen, defied their officers, attempted the release of the prisoners from the regimental guard, and kept up a fire from their carbines.

6. Their conduct was such that General Inglis contemplated depriving them of their arms on the following day (Sunday, the 8th). The Lieutenant Governor was, however, very anxious to defer having recourse to this measure, unless in extremity, and the General ultimately determined to defer it until he received the specific orders of the Commander in Chief, which he had solicited by telegraph. His Excellency's reply arrived just at the time of the evening parade, which the Major General had ordered, and Sir John availed himself of the opportunity to communicate its contents, in so far as it regarded the settlement of their grievances, to the disaffected men. They heard him without any outward demonstrations of satisfaction, or of discontent. The night of the 8th passed quietly, and, on the morning of the 9th, General Inglis, impelled by urgent business, returned to Cawnpore.

7. It may be right here incidentally to remark that the only regular Queen's regiment at this station was the 5th Fusiliers, which corps was insufficient in itself to hold in check two numerically strong regiments, especially when the loyalty of the Artillery was more than doubtful. The General, therefore, after having received the permission of the Lieutenant Governor, telegraphed for a portion of the 60th Rifles, quartered at Benares.

8. It was subsequently reported to the Lieutenant Governor that only one troop of the 1st Cavalry had turned out that morning, and that they had subsequently returned to their barracks, having been unable to withstand the hooting and taunts of their comrades which greeted this exhibition of loyalty. He was also informed that four men of the 4th Europeans had been placed in confinement, for endeavouring to incite one of the companies to refuse to appear on parade next morning. It subsequently came to the knowledge of the Lieu-

tenant Governor that the spirit of insubordination was spreading rapidly among the men of this regiment, who openly avowed their intention of releasing the four prisoners during the night. He, therefore, at once summoned Sir John Inglis by telegraph, and suggested that he should bring the 48th Regiment down with him.

9. The night, however, passed away without the fulfilment of their threat on the part of the 4th Infantry.

10. Stones and other missiles were, however, thrown at the officer on duty at the guard-room. No. 7 Company turned out armed, and shots were fired over the guard-room, the men being heard to say at the time that the shots were a signal to the Cavalry. At the same time the Cavalry had been in an equally mutinous mood, and had broken out of barracks, and shown much insubordination. Their commanding officer reported yesterday that he had lost all control over his men, who unanimously refused to parade, and matters remained in this state until the arrival of General Inglis on the morning of yesterday, the 10th, with 350 old and tried soldiers of Her Majesty's 48th Regiment. The good effect of this measure has been already manifested. The night of the 10th passed off in perfect tranquillity, and to-day the 4th appeared at the regimental parade, and the 1st Cavalry, without exception, obeyed the orders of Sir John Inglis to parade for his inspection, although yesterday morning they had defied the command of their commanding officer to the same effect.

11. In the course of yesterday (the 10th May) it was reported to the Lieutenant Governor, by Captain Dennehey, the officer commanding the Allahabad Divisional Police Battalion, that, on the night of the 8th, a party of some 10 or 12 Europeans, two of whom were "mounted and armed," had come down and challenged his picket; and that about the middle of the following night, some 16 or 20 Europeans came up and fired a shot into his compound, which is close by the picket. The picket fell back, and reported the matter to him, according to standing orders. He rode out, and challenged the party in English; but they would not answer, and made off.

12. The Lieutenant Governor desires me to dwell on these facts with reference to the telegram from his Lordship dated 10th instant, in which instructions are conveyed not to disarm the Cavalry, except under the orders of the Commander in Chief, or unless the public safety rendered the measure absolutely necessary.

13. The Lieutenant Governor has already stated, that he was extremely averse, for political reasons, from disarming these men, except in the last extremity. His Excellency in Council will, therefore, perceive that he is thoroughly alive to the extreme gravity of the measure, and is also aware that it would be incumbent on him, if he had recourse to the step, to give sufficient proof of its absolute necessity, for the satisfaction of his Excellency in Council, and of the Commander in Chief.

14. I am, therefore, directed to point out, that up to the evening of the 10th the men of the Infantry and Cavalry regiments had proceeded from bad to worse. The former, besides previous acts of insubordination, had, on the night of the 8th, pelted their officer, who was in charge of the prisoners, had turned out armed, had shouted to each other to release their comrades, and had fired shots as a signal to the Cavalry.

15. The Cavalry again had been declared by their own commanding officers to be beyond all control. They had to a man refused to attend parade; they had been insolent to their officers; they had broken out of barracks; they had fired off their carbines, though apparently with no other object than to express their defiance of authority; and they had consummated their offences by firing into Captain Dennehey's compound. Last night, however, passed over peaceably, and so far all is well. But the Lieutenant Governor desires me to say that, if such had not been the case—if, in spite of the presence of reinforcements, these men had repeated the lawless actions of the preceding night, he would have told General Inglis that, in his opinion, it was absolutely necessary for the public safety that they should be disarmed; and I am requested to express a hope that, if he had proffered such advice to the General under such circumstances, it would have met with the support and approval of his Lordship in Council. He similarly hopes that the arrival of the 48th, and of a detachment of the 60th, which came in this morning, will deter these misguided young regiments from continuing in their course of insubordination. But if, emboldened by impunity, they do again venture such acts as have been set forth, the Lieutenant Governor will consider it his duty to recommend Sir John Inglis to disarm them, in consideration of the public safety, unless he receive instructions to the contrary from his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

16. A copy of report received from the magistrate to-day is enclosed.

From *J. S. Campbell*, Esq., Officiating Magistrate of Allahabad, to *G. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to Government, North Western Provinces, dated the 11th May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, the precautions that have lately been taken in consequence of the mutinous conduct of some of the Europeans stationed here.

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The first symptoms of open insubordination were shown on the night of Friday, the 6th instant. I happened at once to become acquainted with the circumstances; so mounted, and patrolled the station. The outbreak did not last long; and having seen everything quiet on all sides, I retired. The Major General commanding the division arrived next day, and having paraded and addressed the regiment, it was hoped that there would not be a recurrence of the disgraceful conduct. This hope, however, was delusive, for on the night of that day the Bengal Light Cavalry Regiment broke into mutiny, firing shots, and otherwise misconducting themselves.

It was plain now that a knowledge of what had taken place could not be concealed from the public, and it was absolutely necessary that arrangements should be made for protecting the city and station from any party of mutinous soldiers who might attempt mischief. Accordingly, with the sanction of his Honor, it was arranged, on Sunday, the 8th, that Captain Dennehey should send to the Kotwalee 150 Infantry, under Captain Chapman, whose duty it should be to protect the city, and arrest any rioters. Captain Chapman was directed to be as forbearing as possible, and only to oppose violence to violence. The men were marched to the Kotwalee that evening, and Mr. Watson, Assistant Magistrate, was deputed to join, and explain to the townspeople that no threat was held out against them, but that the Seikh police were for their protection. At the same time a troop of Police Cavalry were sent to my compound, where they remained ready to mount at a moment's notice, should the protection of the station require their services. Luckily nothing occurred to call for action. I went round the station at night, and on to the city. Everything was perfectly quiet.

Next day (Monday), as nothing had occurred during the night, I sent the troop of Cavalry back to their quarters early in the morning, requesting Captain Dennehey to send them up again in the evening. The Infantry remained at the Kotwalee. As rumours prevailed during the day that the 4th Europeans meditated an outbreak at night, it was deemed right that a European officer should remain at the Kotwalee, and Captain Faddy kindly volunteered to take the duty. Nothing serious occurred. There were some shots fired, and other symptoms of insubordination shown, but by 11 o'clock the men had retired to their barracks, and the whole station was quiet.

Yesterday (Tuesday) Sir John Inglis returned from Cawnpore with part of Her Majesty's 48th, and at night part of Her Majesty's Rifles arrived from Benares. The station being thus strengthened, 100 of the Police Infantry were withdrawn from the Kotwalee. The troop of Cavalry, however, came up to my compound in the evening as usual, and were held ready throughout the night. About 11 o'clock I went round the station and cantonments. I learnt that the Cavalry had fired a couple of shots, and shown other signs of insubordination, but at that time the men had retired to the barracks, and turned in. Everything was perfectly quiet in the quarters of the 4th Europeans, and throughout the station; and this morning everything is reported quiet. There were some stories afloat of acts of plundering on the part of the men of the Light Cavalry, but I believe they are not true. The men certainly wander about in small parties in an uncontrolled way, but I have no authentic information of any outrages having been perpetrated. Since the first disturbance, Captain Dennehey has nightly been prepared with his police to act in the Papamow direction, should circumstances require it. I am glad to say, however, that, though on duty throughout the night, he has not been called on to act.

You are aware that other precautions have also been taken to ascertain the feelings of the European troops lately employed by the East India Company, and to discover if, in their mutinous proceedings, they have any preconcerted plans. The most I have been able to discover is, that throughout these men the same mutinous spirit prevails. There seems no dislike to the service, nor bad feeling towards their officers, but they seem to think that they were entitled to receive an extra bounty on their service being transferred to Her Majesty's Government, and they encourage each other to show a mutinous spirit, in hopes of forcing Government to give in to them and pay the bounty. For the future I will report daily what passes under my observation.

From *G. E. W. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to Government of the North Western Provinces, to Secretary to Government of India, Home Department, No. 1,722, dated Allahabad, the 12th May 1859.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1,690 A., of yesterday's date, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a report from the Magistrate of Allahabad, regarding the present state of public feeling in the city, in consequence of the disaffection of the soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian Army, from which his Excellency in Council will perceive that, although last night there was a slight brawl, which might have occurred at any time, the minds of the native population are now quieted.

From *J. S. Campbell*, Esq., Officiating Magistrate, Allahabad, to *G. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to Government, No. 147, dated Allahabad, the 12th May 1859.

In continuation of my report of yesterday, I have the honor to mention, for the information of his Honor the Lieutenant Governor, that my arrangements for the peace of the city and station were the same last night as on the preceeding. In a general way, everything was quiet, but between 12 and 1 a.m. there was a slight disturbance in the Kuttra Bazaar, owing to two European soldiers breaking into the quarters of a merchant, named Mr. Joseph, and demanding to be supplied with brandy. With some difficulty Mr. Joseph got outside, and raised a cry for assistance, on which, after threatening him with another visit, the soldiers made off. This is the only occurrence of the night by which the public peace was disturbed. From all I can hear, the minds of the native population are now quieted, and there is not the same fear prevailing as was the case a few days since.

From *G. E. W. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces, to Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1,738, dated Allahabad, the 13th of May 1859.

In continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I am directed to state that all the troops continue quiet. The Court of Inquiry met this morning, and heard the grievances put forth by some 25 men of the Horse Artillery, and by delegates from each troop of the 1st Cavalry.

2. All is quiet in the city.

From *G. E. W. Couper*, Esq., Secretary to the Government of the North Western Provinces, to *W. Grey*, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, No. 1,751, dated Allahabad, the 14th May 1859.

In continuation of my letter, No. 1,738, of yesterday's date, I am directed to report that all is quiet in the city. The Court of Inquiry is prosecuting its investigations, and the men's minds are so much composed that General Inglis has returned to Cawnpore.

2. Under these circumstances no further report will be forwarded, unless any event of sufficient importance to be brought to the notice of the Government of India should again occur.

Enclosure 17, in No. 9.

(No. 1437.)

Encl. 17, in No. 9.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla, 18 May 1859.—From Commander in Chief.

To Calcutta.—To Governor General.

The following is from General Napier, dated Gwalior, 17th May 1859, 6.30 p.m.:—"I arrived at Gwalior to-day. Major Light's Company of Artillery perfectly quiet, and doing all duties and parades as before. The 3d Bengal European Regiment perfectly respectful, and doing all duties, but declining parade; 24 prisoners in the quarter guard for breaches of discipline, subject.* Statements of complaints from Colonel were sent to me through the legislative channels, but have missed me on the road; they must be lost or delayed. I have therefore ordered a special Court of Inquiry to assemble to-morrow, to record their grievances, for submission to Lord Clyde. I will be present, and shall then see the men."

*Sic. in orig.

Enclosure 18, in No 9.

(No. 1459.)

Encl. 18, in No. 9.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 18 May, 2.5 p.m.—From General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

All quiet at Meerut.

Enclosure 19, in No. 9.

(No. 1479.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 19, in No. 9.

From Gwalior, 19 May 1859.—From Brigadier General *Napier*.

To Simla and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Major General *Birch*, C.B., and Secretary to Government of India.

18 May, 7 p.m.

THE Court of Inquiry commenced this morning; 21 cases entered into. Men respectful; some of the best characters amongst those examined. All concurred in the main point; they enlisted to serve the Company, and consider themselves entitled to a free discharge when the Company's service ceased to exist. Objected to be transferred without their own consent. The men are confined to their lines, and get no grog whilst declining to parade. Two more prisoners were made last night for conduct connected with the question.

Enclosure 20, in No. 9.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 20, in No. 9.

From Meerut, 17 May.—From Major *Bradford*.

To Head Quarters, Camp, and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet at Meerut. Brigadier Showers reports that at Agra there are 53 who wish to come before the Court of Inquiry, and 52 content.

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(Separate.) No. 10.

No. 69, of 1859—Military Department.

To the Right Honorable Lord *Stanley*, M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter of the 18th instant, we have the honor to acquaint your Lordship that generally all has remained quiet and orderly amongst the European troops of Her Majesty's Indian forces since the despatch of that letter.

Brigadier General Sir R. Napier, in reports dated the 19th and 20th instant, states that the men of the 3d European Regiment appeared sensible of their error; that the regiment had been on parade, and that the men were in all respects obedient.

At Meerut and Saugor, and at Lucknow, all is reported well. At the latter place some discontent had shown itself in the 4th European Light Cavalry, but had been promptly suppressed; the Court of Inquiry, which has been ordered to investigate into the men's complaint, having allayed all disquietude amongst them.

At Agra on the 19th instant some artillerymen were riotous in barracks, and disposed to disobey orders; but quiet was quickly restored.

It is reported from Hazarebaugh, that on the 13th, some discontent having manifested itself in the 6th European Regiment, a parade was ordered, to explain to the men what steps should be taken in the event of their feeling themselves aggrieved; when, with the exception of about 50 recruits, who had recently joined, all the men fell in. These recruits positively refused to fall in, but as they were young and inexperienced, they were not punished, but quietly reasoned with; this had the desired effect; these men went to the parade, expressing sorrow for what had occurred, and they were allowed to return to their duty.

On the following day, however, 25 of the same men again refused to attend parade, and were immediately confined and punished; since then all has gone on quietly.

The Commanding Officer attributes the discontent which was shown, to certain letters which had been received from the 3d European Regiment, of a

tendency to unsettle the minds of the men; while Father Josaphat, a Roman-catholic priest, had also endeavoured to foment the uneasy feeling.

Arrangements are in progress for the removal of Father Josaphat from Hazarebaugh, by the aid of the Roman-catholic Bishop of Patna, and the Vicar-general in Calcutta.

We transmit a communication from the Right Honorable the Commander in Chief, dated the 16th instant, forwarding letters received by his Lordship from the General Officers commanding the Peshawur, Lahore, and Sirhind Divisions. Sir R. Garrett states that there had been some discussion amongst the men at Umballah, but as their cases had been met by the inquiry ordered at Meerut, it was thought by him that the malcontents would keep in the back ground, and escape all notice. At Lahore all the non-commissioned officers, without exception, and nearly all the old soldiers, are thought to be content. About half the men of one of the troops of Horse Artillery at Mean Meer having refused to attend evening parade, General Wyndham addressed the whole troop on their own parade, and subsequently the other troop of Horse Artillery at the station, and the 3d Bengal Light Cavalry. He explained their case to the men, and promised them a Court of Inquiry, before which they should be heard. The whole of the men were perfectly respectful and quiet, and merely stated their dislike to being transferred without having been consulted in the matter, and their claim to bounty on volunteering, or to discharge.

General Wyndham forwards copy of an intercepted letter from a private of the 1st Light Cavalry at Allahabad to a private in the 3d Light Cavalry at Mean Meer. It represents the 1st Light Cavalry to be waiting to see what the 4th European Infantry would do in regard to serving the Queen, and as having some cause of discontent on account of unadjusted arrears of pay. Sir S. Cotton's letter from Peshawur merely transmits a copy, furnished to him by the Government of the Punjab, of the intercepted letter from Gunner MacDougal at Meerut, to his comrades in the artillery at Lahore, of which a transcript was forwarded with our letter, No. 66, of the 14th instant.

A later communication from Lord Clyde, this day received, which we also transmit, will put your Lordship in possession of further particulars of the state of feeling exhibited amongst the men at Morar (Gwalior), as already briefly reported in the telegrams which accompanied our previous letters.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
B. Peacock.

Fort William, 26 May 1859.

P. S.—The proceedings of the first four days of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut are herewith transmitted for your Lordship's information, together with a report from Sir J. Inglis, containing representations from the men of the Cavalry and Infantry at Allahabad on the subject of their alleged grievances.

Enclosure 1, in No. 10.

Encl. 1, in No. 10. (No. 1117.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Allahabad, 14 May 1859.—From Colonel *Rice*, Commanding.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

11 A.M., Saturday.—All right.

Enclosure 2, in No. 10.

Encl. 2, in No. 10. (No. 1431.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Camp Pipanee, 15 May, *vid* Gondah, 17 May.—From General *Grant*.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

Letter No. 420 arrived to-day. The 53d are now *en route* to Allahabad; I have ordered Brigadier Chute to report daily to you from Lucknow.

Enclosure 3, in No. 10.

(No. 200.) Encl. 3, in No. 10.

Camp Gondah, 13 May 1859.

Sir,

I HAVE the honor to report for your information, that the regiment under my command, strength as per margin, left Gondah this day *en route* for Allahabad.

Field officer	1
Captains	2
Subalterns	6
Staff	4
Serjeants	36
Corporals	30
Drummers	13
Privates	479

I have, &c.
J. English, C.B., Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Her Majesty's 53d Regiment.

Deputy Quartermaster General
of the Army, Calcutta.

(No. 2516 of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office Presidency,
Fort William, Calcutta, 17 May 1859.

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of Government.

John S. Paton, Colonel,
Deputy Quartermaster General of the Army.

Enclosure 4, in No. 10.

(No. 1698.) Encl. 4, in No. 10.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Saugor, 18 May, *vid* Jubbulpore, 21 May.—From General *Whitlock*:

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

REQUISITION for Royal troops of the line from Sir John Inglis will be attended to.—All quiet in this division.

Enclosure 5, in No. 10.

REPORT of Major *Light*, Commanding No. 2-5 Bengal Artillery, and No. 21, Light Field Battery. Encl. 5, in No. 10.

Morar, 10 May 1859.

THIS morning, on hearing a cheer in the barracks of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, I went to their parade and was told by Captain Pond that the men refused to turn out. I went to my battery and turned the company out; the men at once fell in, when I told them of what had occurred in the 3d, and told them that I did not think they could follow so bad an example. When the drivers came in from watering order, I again fell in the company and told them I was willing to hear and forward any grievance if it was brought forward in a respectful manner and they behaved as good soldiers. I went down the ranks and asked each soldier individually whether he was contented with his position and satisfied.

2 non-commissioned officers, men of excellent characters,
1 gunner of five years standing,
8 men of bad character,
15 recruits enlisted since 1857,

Total 26 men claimed release from the service on the grounds that the Company having ceased to exist, their services cannot be claimed by Her Majesty, for whose service they never were attested. Two other men came forward and said that they were perfectly willing to serve, but that as they were Royal Artillery they should get the same pay. They were now getting a penny a day beer money less than the Royal Artillery at the same station.

The men were perfectly respectful, and are doing and will do their duty as usual. I have no fear about their behaviour.

Alfred Light, Major.
Commanding 2/5 Bengal Artillery.

(No. 332.)

To the Major of Brigade, 1st Brigade, Gr. Division.

Sir,

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Brigadier Stuart, C.B., commanding at Morar, that a very large proportion of the regiment under my command refused to turn out this morning for an inspection parade, which had been ordered in regimental orders of yesterday.

On going to the parade-ground this morning I found the officers, non-commissioned officers, a few of the bandsmen and drummers and privates, chiefly good conduct men under arms, while the remainder of the regiment were hanging about their barracks undressed. I dismissed the parade, and directed the officers, and non-commissioned officers to go to their respective companies and make the men fall in on their private parades. I then proceeded towards the barracks to visit each company on its own parade, and while in progress it was reported to me that No. 7 and the light company had fallen in at once, but that some hesitation had been shown by the other three companies (grenadiers Nos. 1 and 4), more particularly in the latter; they, however, fell in; and when the whole five companies had been assembled on parade, I addressed each company in a firm and decided manner, pointing out the impropriety of their conduct, and at the same time informing them that an inquiry had been directed by the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief at Meerut, to investigate any grievance under which soldiers of the late East India Company's service might consider themselves to be suffering. My address to each company was received in a respectful manner, and apparently listened to with attention. I then dismissed the regiment and had the guards relieved as usual. The orderly officer of the day, Ensign G. O. Owen, has since reported to me that some hesitation was shown in No. 4 company previous to his arrival, as to falling in for breakfast roll call, and that he had to confine one man for refusing to answer to his name. The only marked act of insubordination, beyond the fact of failing to appear at the place appointed for parade, that has come to my knowledge is, that some shouting was heard in one or two parts of the lines when the dressing bugle sounded.

I have, &c.

Morar, Gwalior,
10 May 1859.

William Riddell, Colonel,
Commanding 3d Bengal European Regiment.

(No. 231)

From Brigadier *Stuart*, C.B., Commanding at Morar, Gwalior, to the Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

Head Quarters, Simla, 10 May 1859.

I HAVE the honor to forward, in the absence of Brigadier General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., commanding Gwalior Division, the accompanying statements made by Colonel Riddell, commanding 3d Bengal European Regiment, and Major Light, commanding 2-5 Bengal Artillery, for the early information of his Excellency Lord Clyde, Commander in Chief. Having heard of what had taken place at Meerut, I requested Colonel Riddell to inform me of the first appearance of any discontent appearing in his regiment, but he assured me up to this morning that none existed. I shall see the regiment on parade this evening, and explain to them that their case is now before his Excellency Lord Clyde, Commander in Chief, and enjoin on them to obey orders and maintain discipline.

I have, &c.

C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding First Brigade Gwalior Division.

(No. 232.)

From Brigadier *Stuart*, C.B., Commanding at Morar, Gwalior, to the Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

Head Quarters, Simla, 10 May 1859.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that this day I despatched the following telegram to your address:

"The 3d Bengal European Regiment refused to turn out for parade this morning, but on their officers ordering them, did so; men respectful; otherwise quiet. Major Light, hearing of this, paraded his men; all obeyed; and on his asking if they had any grievance, 26 stated yes; all recruits, except eight of bad character."

I have, &c.

C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding First Brigade Gwalior Division.

(No. 233.)

From Brigadier *Stuart*, C.B., Commanding at Morar, Gwalior, to the Adjutant General of the Army, with Head Quarters, Simla.

Sir, Morar, 11 May 1859.

As I think it of importance that his Excellency Lord Clyde, Commander in Chief, should be duly informed of everything that takes place relative to the discontent manifested by the European troops of the late Honourable East India Company's service, I beg to state for his information that I ordered the 3d Bengal European Regiment to parade yesterday evening, but on my proceeding to the parade-ground I found that only about a third of them had turned out, the remainder were hanging about their barracks, but not accoutred. I first addressed the men on parade, pointing out to them the gross folly of those who had refused to fall in, and called on them as British soldiers not to disgrace themselves by any acts of indiscipline or disobedience of orders, and that I had heard that the case of men, similarly situated to themselves, was being investigated by his Excellency Lord Clyde's orders, at Meerut, and that when the result was known, they, I had no doubt, would be duly informed of it. I then proceeded to the barracks, and requested Colonel Riddell and the officers commanding companies, to turn them out in my presence, and addressed each company in a similar way. The men were very respectful, but did not proceed to the parade-ground. Under usual circumstances, I should have enforced obedience by trying one or more of the delinquents by drum-head court-martial, and have vindicated discipline by then and there inflicting whatever punishment might have been awarded; but as from various communications I have received by telegram I have been led to infer that it is his Lordship's wish and that of Government to avoid any severe measures likely to make these deluded men unpardonably commit themselves, I refrained from that course, which I hope may meet with his Excellency's approval. During the evening, I regret to say, they assembled some 30 or 40 in number, and released, by making a rush through the guard-tent, nine of their comrades confined therein. I ordered a parade at gun-fire this morning of a troop of Her Majesty's 17th Lancers, part of Major Ommaney's (No. 6) Battery Royal Artillery, one company of Royal Engineers, and two companies of Her Majesty's 71st Highland Light Infantry, reinforced from the Pheel Bagh, Gwalior, by two more, and the 3d Bengal European Regiment also to parade. A greater number of this regiment turned out than had done so on the previous afternoon. I then, with some of the officers of the regiment and a guard of their own men, searched the barracks and apprehended the prisoners who had escaped from the regimental quarter-guard the night before, and marched them back to it. The men were perfectly respectful, coming to attention and saluting in the usual manner. I asked several of them why they were behaving in this unsoldier-like manner, and to inform me what they had to complain of, and their general answer was that they had been treated like slaves by being made over to a service in which they had not enlisted, without their consent. I have ordered the canteen to be shut and the men to be confined to barracks. I request you will do me the favour of informing me, if I have his Excellency's permission to proceed, as I should have done under ordinary circumstances, by enforcing discipline, as I have the power of carrying it out by means of the troops under my command.

I have, &c.
C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade Gwalior Division.

(No. 1700.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, to the Officer Commanding Gwalior Division.

Sir, Head Quarters, Simla, 17 May 1859.

With reference to two letters dated 10th and 11th instant, and to a telegram of the former date from Brigadier C. S. Stuart, C.B., commanding at Gwalior, sent direct to head quarters in your absence from Gwalior, relative to the discontent that displayed itself in the 3d Bengal European Regiment, consequent on the transfer of their service from the late East India Company to the Crown, and their not being allowed bounty or the option of discharge, I am directed to request you will convey to the Brigadier the Commander in Chief's approval of his measures as reported in these letters.

2. I am to beg you will at once (if you have not already done so) order a Court of Inquiry to assemble at Gwalior to record the supposed grievances of the men, but Lord Clyde directs me to impress upon you that discipline must be enforced, and no man be allowed to give his evidence who is not properly at his duty.

3. It is his Lordship's wish that while firmness is maintained, collision should, if possible, be avoided.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

(No. 360.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Commander in Chief, in continuation for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, with copy of reply sent by Lord Clyde's order.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 17 May 1859.

Enclosure 6, in No. 10.

Encl. 6, in No. 10.

(No. 346.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, the following documents in original that have been received at head quarters, relative to the discontented feeling prevailing amongst the European troops of the late Company's service at various stations of this Presidency.

1. Demi-official letter dated 9th instant, from Major General Sir R. Garrett, K.C.B., to the Chief of the Staff.

2. Letter dated 8th instant, from Major General Sir J. E. W. Inglis, K.C.B., commanding Cawnpore Division, to the Chief of the Staff, together with a statement of complaints made by the men of the 4th European Infantry.

3. Copy of letter dated the 9th instant, from Major General Sir Sydney Cotton, K.C.B., commanding Peshawur Division, to the officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

4. Copy of letter from Major General C. A. Windham, C.B., commanding Lahor Division, to Chief of Staff, dated 12th instant.

5. Copy of letter from Major General C. A. Windham, C.B., commanding Lahore Division, to Chief of Staff, dated half-past four, P.M., 12th May.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
16 May 1859.

My dear General,

I TELEGRAPHED yesterday to let you know that I had got the very clear and satisfactory instructions in case matters came to a crisis here; I shall not have occasion to make public any portion of them. The malcontents here will keep in the background now that their cases have been met by what is doing at Meerut, and they will escape all notice or appearance of participation. It appears, from what I learned yesterday, that there must have been a good deal of discussion going on about a week ago here, and projects hinted at to the young soldiers of both the hussars and the 27th. To the hussars, in sounding them as to what part they would take, they insinuated that the 27th were all right and well disposed to the artillery. The effect of this was, when it became known yesterday that such was supposed to be the case, that the serjeant of the hussars would scarcely speak to some serjeants of the 27th, who visited the serjeants' mess. I found, however, that the 27th never have been very friendly with the artillery, but, Irishman like, they would rather have had a fight with them than not. Moreover they, the 27th, seem to have a notion that there had been a wild project to try and take possession of our Church Redoubt, which they (the artillery) were detained from doing by fears of the 27th opposing them. Matters all this time have gone on as usual, and no change in carrying on duties has been apparent. I have no doubt matters are settling down, and when all is serene I shall ask to go up to Simla for a time. The coolness between the serjeant of the hussars and 27th will soon be explained away, and games among the men of an evening of all arms, infantry, cavalry, and artillery will, I expect, soon be the order of the day; an artilleryman in one of the cavalry barracks last week made some remarks that brought forth a warning from the hussars not to come near them again. The man is known, but it was not necessary, after a lapse of some days, to recur to the matter. Colonel Seaton, as you of course know, gives a satisfactory aid of his regiment (1st Fusiliers) at Dugshaie. I find the hussars have been a little sore at having been put under stoppages, when in reality money is due to some of them for sundry claims, compensation for clothing, &c.; tardiness, perhaps, with the Auditor General. I have recommended their stoppages may cease, and they have, &c. The post is closing; and at this moment, in confirmation of what I mentioned about games, I have got a paper of a very sporting character, which I send you. I conclude the ponies do not require training.

Yours, &c.
R. Garrett.

To Major General *Mansfield*, K. C. B., Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters, Allahabad, 8 May 1859.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that on Saturday last, 7th instant, at 3, a. m., I received a telegram from the Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, requesting me to visit Allahabad, in consequence of a spirit of disaffection which had displayed itself in the 1st Cavalry and 4th Infantry of Her Majesty's Indian army.

I started that morning at 5 a.m. by train, and reached Allahabad at 10.30 a.m. I then learnt from the Lieutenant Governor that there was a mutinous spirit exhibited by the 1st Cavalry and 4th Infantry, and that the Bengal Artillery (three guns of Roy's troop) secretly sympathised with them, and held meetings with the disaffected. I was informed, that on Friday night the 4th Infantry had obtained liquor, and, under its influence, had turned in a most unruly state, set their officers at defiance, many of them loaded their rifles, and that several random shots were fired; at last, however, they listened to reason and returned to their quarters. It was in consequence of, and immediately after this, that the Lieutenant Governor telegraphed for me.

On Saturday afternoon I paraded all the troops on their private parade, and addressed them. I visited the 4th Infantry first; I pointed out to them, that I visited them, having heard of the disaffected feeling in the regiment, not only as their General, but as their friend and adviser; that I had a duty to perform to the State, to myself, and to them, and that I trusted they would give full weight to what I said. I pointed out to them, as soldiers, the very improper course they had adopted to obtain redress for any wrongs, real or imaginary; but that, as young soldiers, and knowing the interest and friendly feeling Lord Clyde had for the Bengal army, and the admiration he had for their loyal and soldier-like quality, I would now, putting aside all recollection of their late excesses, listen to any complaints they had to make, which complaints I would forward, without delay, for the consideration of the Commander in Chief; and I trusted that, as English soldiers, they would vindicate the character we had ever borne, in a steady and orderly spirit await the decision of his Lordship the Commander in Chief. This address they listened to attentively, evinced a cheerful and orderly spirit, promised to remain quiet, and respectfully presented their complaints, which I have now the honour to enclose. This regiment has kept its promise, and up to the moment, I am glad to say, maintained an orderly and respectful demeanor. After having seen the 4th, I visited the 1st Light Cavalry. I addressed them to the same effect; but my remarks were, on this occasion, received in a sullen, discontented spirit. I enclose their complaints. From the Light Cavalry, I visited the parade of the half-troop of the Bengal Artillery. They appeared quiet and orderly, were soldier-like and respectful; and, on my addressing them, they repudiated all sympathy with the malcontents. On Saturday night, the 4th Infantry remained quiet; but, between 10 and 12 o'clock, the 1st Cavalry broke into their canteen, would listen to nothing from their officer, and many random shots were fired, I believe, without any other object than that of making a noise. Shortly after 12 o'clock all disturbance cleared; but next morning (Sunday) two troops distinctly refused to turn out for church parade. This evening (Sunday) I ordered a parade of all the troops at 5 o'clock on their private parades: the 5th Fusiliers at the Mansfield Barrack, the 4th Infantry at the Clydesdall Barracks, and the 1st Cavalry at the Palamow Barracks. All turned out in a quiet and orderly manner, and I read Lord Clyde's telegram from Kussowlie to them. They received it in such a manner as to lead me to believe that there will be no more trouble with them until the question at issue is fully settled. If the Light Cavalry continue to show a mutinous spirit, I have sufficient confidence in my position to take their carbines from them, and will do so. The 4th Infantry, I have every reason to believe, will show no more disaffection until the bounty question is dealt with, but, from what their officers say, they maintain a very determined opinion upon that point.

The artillery here are principally old soldiers, and have everything to lose. I am inclined to place some confidence in the reports I hear (without authority), that they are the instigators of the movement. However, whatever happen, I feel myself quite master of the position, but would, at the same time, represent to the Commander in Chief, that the Royal troops here are not superior in numbers, and how prejudicial an open breach might be, on the public mind, if not completely successful.

I have this moment received a telegram from the Right Honourable the Governor General, giving me authority to call upon a neighbouring division for reinforcements, and, at the solicitation of the Lieutenant Governor, have requested that 300 of the 1st Battalion 60th Rifles be sent, by bullock-train, from Benares to Allahabad, which, I trust, will meet with the approval of the Commander in Chief, more particularly as the 5th Fusiliers are at present very hard worked, taking all the duties here.

I have, &c.

J. Inglis, Major General,
Commanding Cawnpore Division.

No. 1 Company.

Nic Whitty, No. 222, Drummer, states—As far as I can understand the feelings of the men of the company, they are not willing to serve under the Queen without a bounty or a chance of volunteering.

Private *James Smith*, regimental No. 371, states—When I went to Warley, I was taking my bounty; the Commandant told me, I should have to pay 18 *s.* 6 *d.*, because I belonged to the militia; and when I told him I could not pay it, as the others were not paying as was enlisted into the Queen's service, and he made me answer this was not the Queen's service, but the East India Company, and it was a different corps altogether; and if we was give over to the Queen's, we should get our 18 *s.* 6 *d.* and a fresh bounty. There are five new men in the regiment that had to pay the same as me.

No. 2 Company.

Drummer *George Thomas*, regimental No. 751, states—It is the wish of the Company that, having enlisted for the East India Company, they feel determined to serve no other government without re-enlistment and the bounty or a free discharge.

No. 3 Company.

Private *Ebzabed Dewhursh*, regimental No. 120, states—I came here to claim my legal discharge as a legal right, as the East India Company is no more that I enlisted for, therefore, I think I have a right to the said discharge, as agreeable to the duplicate. I enlisted for 10 years for the said Company, not exceeding 12, provided that Company required my services, and if not sooner, my discharge: therefore, I claim my discharge on those words.

Private *James Boardman*, regimental No. 444, states—I speak for my section (Serjeant Spencer's) that they cannot soldier unless re-enlisted according to the duplicate attestation which I now produce copy of it. This is the feeling of the whole company.

No. 4 Company.

Private *William Williams*, regimental No. 235, states—The men of the company, sir, wishes to make a complaint, that they never enlisted to serve the Queen; they only enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company; and they cannot soldier under an oath which they never took for the Queen, without a remuneration for soldiering under the Queen. They have no objection to soldier for the Queen, but they claim a bounty on their discharge.

Private *William Wilson*, regimental No. 719, states—I belonged to the 1st Surrey Militia; I volunteered to serve the East India Company for the term of 10 or 12 years, as long as the said Company required my services. After being at Warley Barracks about a week, the adjutant, Prasser, sent in a debt of 18 *s.* 6 *d* for a substitute in my place. I inquired of the commandant, and he told me, I had to pay it, sir; whereas, if I volunteered into the Queen's service, I should not have that debt to pay. I don't mind serving the Queen if I get my bounty and my 18 *s.* 6 *d.* back. I consider myself free, after buying my discharge out of the Surrey Militia. There are several men in my company situated the same as me, and wish me to speak for them, and all willing to serve the Queen, if they can get their bounty and their money back.

No. 5 Company.

Private and Lance Corporal *Thomas O'Brien*, regimental No. 52, states—I enlisted on Sunday, 15th November 1857; I was attested on Monday following, the 16th November; my attestation was to serve the East India Company for a period of 10 years, if required for the said Company not exceeding 12. It appearing now that the said Company being broken up, and the late East India Company's forces being transferred to Her Majesty's service, I feel aggrieved at it, sir, unless I am properly re-enlisted to Her Majesty's service by my own will; if not, I claim my discharge, according to my attestation, and this is the feeling of the whole company. If this is to be forwarded to the Commander in Chief, I wish an emphasis to be placed on the word Sunday.

Private *Thomas M'Dougal*, regimental No. 483, states—Me and my comrades of No. 5 Company wish to be re-enlisted, with a bounty, or a free discharge.

No. 6 Company.

Private *John Carne*, regimental No. 508, states—I enlisted on 28th June 1858, on Monday, and was attested to serve the East India Company for a term of 10 years, or 12 if required, *vide* Question No. 8 and 15; and I wish to have 40 and 46 Articles of War read to me, as I am ignorant of them; and as the East India Company's forces have been taken possession of by Her Majesty, and the Company being no longer a military power, I claim my discharge. I wish this petition,* from the men of No. 6, to be sent to the General and the Commander-in-Chief. We enlisted as soldiers while the Company was a military power.

* Annexed.

(The two articles are read as requested.)

No. 7 Company.

Private *George Pearce*, regimental No. 538, states—I enlisted on 11th June 1858, and I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 10 years if required; that oath I don't wish to break; and now the Company has expired, I claim my discharge; and the whole of the men of the company are of the same opinion, unless they are re-enlisted, and get their bounty under Her Majesty's regulations.

Private *William Johnstone*, regimental No. 339, states—I gave a watch to Captain Ricketts, of 18th Madras Native Infantry; I have made several complaints, and I can get no satisfaction. My elder brother in 1st Madras Fusiliers, claims me to be transferred, and I wish to go to him.

Private *Dan Fulham*, regimental No. 551, states—My elder brother in the 2d Cavalry claims me, and I wish to be transferred to 2d Bengal Light Cavalry, to be with him.

No. 8 Company.

Private *John Williams*, regimental No. 580, states—It is the grievance of the company to be turned over to the Queen without any warning; they have taken an oath to serve the East India Company for 10 years, or 12 if the said Company required their services; they will serve Her Majesty manfully if she will give them a fresh bounty, and bind them by a fresh oath.

No. 9 Company.

Private *Charles Hobson*, regimental No. 684, states—I enlisted in England on 6th May 1858, and was sworn in the next day to serve the Honourable East India Company for a period of 10 or 12 years if required; the Company's service is now broken up, therefore I claim my discharge, unless bounty is given for volunteering into any other regiment I may wish to do; this is the feeling of the whole of No. 9 Company; the men are very much dissatisfied; we heard three months ago that the Company's service was broke up, and we don't consider we belong to Her Majesty's East India Forces.

I stated to Captain Thompson, last night, that the men were very much dissatisfied about the ship's clearance and refreshment money which we were told we should receive a month after we landed by the Commandant of the Warley Barracks; we have not received it yet; and the company wishes to bring it to the notice of the General.

Captain Thompson told the man to make the complain at orderly room.

No. 10 Company.

Private *George Robertson*, regimental No. 638, states—I was enlisted for the East India Company's service on the 4th June 1858; I took an oath of allegiance to serve the Company; the Company being now broke up, I claim my discharge; and it is the feelings of the men of No. 10 Company; the men will serve her Majesty if re-enlisted with a bounty and a fresh oath.

G. A. Fisher, Captain and Brigade Major,
Commanding 4th Regiment European Infantry.

Allahabad, 8 May 1859.

6th Company, 4th European Infantry,
Allahabad, 8 May 1859.

PETITION of the Grievances, &c. of No. 6 Company, virtually belonging to the late East India Company, which is no longer in existence.

Sir,

WHAT I have to say will be very short in the extreme; you will naturally see that we have taken an oath, which of course is binding on our conscience, if you will be so kind as to peruse this.

You will see that the oath was given by us to serve the late Honourable East India Company for a period of 10 years, or 12 if required.

Therefore, sir, you will plainly see that our oath will not allow us to serve Her Majesty as a soldier, although we are subjects of Hers in Europe as other private individuals.

The company wishes to be re-attested if to serve Her Majesty as a soldier, but they wish a fresh bounty, or give those who will not accept of a bounty a free discharge, which they claim as Europeans. As it has been naturally a custom to give a bounty to all that enlist to serve Her Majesty for any period they may think fit, therefore it would be but following out the laws of the army of the Crown.

There are several men, or I may say two-thirds of the company who would, and they wish to stay in the country. But they wish and claim a firm and proper settlement, which they all believe Her most gracious Majesty would concede to them.

Although they are subjects to Her Majesty by law and nature, yet still they are not bound to serve Her as a soldier, on the oath they are attested. ise

We hope, sir, speaking individually, that you will abide by your prom s to us on the parade yesterday evening before the General.

But sir, we believe, as Europeans and Christians, that we have performed towards our officers commanding the company at different periods, our duty during the time that we have been in the country.

And, sir, the men are very willing to support the army in the field, while they are still embodied as a regiment.

To Major *Norman*, Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Army Head Quarters.

Sir, Peshawur, 9 May 1859.

No. 3 A, dated 5th; and 5 A, dated 7th instant.

In continuation of my letters marginally noted, I have the honour to subjoin, for the information of the Right honourable the Commander in Chief, the copy of an intercepted letter forwarded for my perusal, by the Lieutenant Governor of the Punjaub.

I have, &c.

Sydney Cotton,
Major General, Commanding Peshawur Division.

My dear Friends, Meerut, 1 May 1859.

My troop, and the 4th company, and the Light Cavalry, was at a stand last night about the Queen and the Company. So now, to keep dark, we made up our minds to send a letter from one to everyone, on or about the 5th instant, so you may be on the alert for it, for we all meet to-night at the Monkey Tank, for to appoint the day of strike for good or for worse; and again our 1st troop is ready to make for Meerut; at our call F. troop of Royal Horse Artillery are ready to stand to us at the time to be stated, and the 75th do say that not a man will fire a shot at any of us; so things is going on very steady in Meerut and Lucknow, and in Muttra with the 3/3 H. A., and in Lucknow with the 1/1 and 3/1 H. A., in Delhi, and 4/1 F. A. and 1/4 F. A.; your troop is the only troop at a stand what to do; but you must not let my letter be seen by any of your serjeants, but by as many of the gunners as you like, for us will make a fine gale of it when we do make a stand, and that will be in a day or two. Excuse this bad writing, as this is the tenth letter I have sent away to-day.

—— *M'Dougall*,
3/1 Meerut.

Write soon and let me know all the news from Meean Meer.

Envelope directed to Gunner Thomas Gosland, H. A., M. Meer.

(Enclosure in the same hand.)

My dear Gosland, Night of the 1st.

It is thought by us we are not to turn out to-morrow morning to any duty, but to stop in our barracks until we see what they intend to do with us. Then we are to march from Meerut to Delhi all at the one time, but I shall write and let you know how we get on with our striking for not to serve the Queen.

From Major General *C. A. Windham*, C. B., Commanding Lahore Division, to Major General Sir *W. Mansfield*, K. C. B., Chief of the Staff.

Sir, Mean Meer, 12 May 1859.

I have the honour to forward to you the proceedings of yesterday and to-day, for the information of his Lordship the Commander in Chief. At about 6 p. m. yesterday, Brigadier Smith and Colonel Boileau, Bengal Artillery, called on me and informed me that about one-half of Colonel Bourchier's troop of Horse Artillery had refused to attend evening parade. I immediately directed that Colonels Bourchier's and Blunt's troops of Artillery and the 3d European Light Cavalry should parade, and mounted my horse. I found that the whole of them had then paraded on their private grounds, and I proceeded to address them separately. I expressed great regret that they (in speaking to Colonel Bourchier's troop) had not spoken out when I asked them on a previous occasion if they had any complaints to make. That I had been directed by you to let them know that a respectful remonstrance against certain portions of a late Act of Parliament would be quietly received. That no one in this country had the power to overturn an Act of Parliament, but that, as Englishmen, they were entitled to petition against it, if they thought themselves aggrieved, provided they continued as soldiers to perform their duty, and behaved with respect to their superiors. That I looked upon their having refused to attend evening parade as a bad method of showing their disaffection; but as I believed that their only desire was to have their sentiments known, I should take no notice of it beyond ordering a Court of Inquiry to assemble to-morrow morning, before whom every man should appear and publicly state in what respect he thought himself injured. That I would forward

ward their opinions faithfully to his Lordship the Commander in Chief, and in return require that they patiently awaited his reply; giving them to understand that that of course could not arrive immediately. To the rest of the men who had not any of them refused to turn out, I spoke nearly in the same manner. The whole of the men were most respectful and quiet. Some said that they had no objection to serve the Queen, but did not like being handed over like a herd of camels; others said that they had enlisted to serve the Company, and did not see why they should not be asked to volunteer and receive a volunteer's bounty, the same as when a man volunteered from one regiment to another. Others again thought they were entitled to their discharge, or a bounty; and others to an absolute discharge.

The non-commissioned officers are universally well disposed, and the old soldiers look much more to their pensions than to bounty, and are nearly all content. I telegraphed to you this day, giving the numbers of the content and non-content in the two troops of Horse Artillery that were examined this morning; of Bourchier's, 32 content, 29 non-content; of Blunt's troop, 34 content, 44 non-content. The men in hospital have not yet been examined. The Court of Inquiry, consisting of Brigadier Smith, Colonel Boileau, Bengal Artillery; and Major M'Mullan, assisted by Captain J. N. Young, Deputy Judge Advocate General, will proceed to the fort at Lahore this evening, and then take the opinions of the men there, and to-morrow morning it will examine as many of the 3d European Light Cavalry as it can.

I should like to have his Lordship's permission to direct the officers commanding at Ferozepore, Sealkote, and Umritser, to examine the whole of their artillery at once. I feel sure (although I have had no report to that effect), that they somehow or other will bring about an expression of their opinion, and that it would therefore be better at once to ask it of them.

I am not aware that I have anything else to report, except that the men continue perfectly quiet and respectful in their manner.

I have, &c.
C. A. Windham, Major-General,
Commanding Lahore Division.

Sir, 12 May, 4½ p. m., 1859.

I FORWARD you this, which is the only letter we have found the last three days, relating to present discontented feeling. I have been told that the arrival of the half troop from Jullundur yesterday, *en route* to Sealkote, and the conversation it had with the artillery here during the day, was the cause of the men at last deciding upon showing a spirit of discontent. The men do not call it mutiny, but a "strike."

I have, &c.
C. A. Windham, Major-General,
Commanding Lahore Division.

COPY of a Letter intercepted here, addressed to Private *James Martin*, No. 2148, 3d Regiment Bengal European Light Cavalry, 9 Troop. Meean Meer, Lahore, or elsewhere.

Dear James,

I WRITE to you to let you that I am in good health, thank God for it, and hoping to find you in the same; we have had the orders read over to us, and there won't be any volunteering nor yet a bounty, and the fourth Infantry Bengal, the are lying at the fort, and say that they will show them some sport afore serve the Queen. Our regiment are waiting to see what the Bengal Artillery and the 4th Infantry will do; we will have a stir this summer, for the company will not serve the Queen; they read to us that it was impossible to get our discharge or fresh bounty or discharge. We have not got our pay this three months, and the 4 months they are giving to us 2 rupees for our ships clearing, and they are no words of our back pay, yet they say that they are gowing to form the Tenth Regiment out of the five cavalry regiments, there are no words of our going out of Allahbaad yet, the 4th Bengal Infantry lying hear this three months, and they soon will be gowing away up the country; Miles and McBollen are there, and they are in good health, and we wonders why that you are not writing to him. I wrote two or three letters and never got a letter yet, all the Surrey draft are up hear of infantry. McBollen and Miles send there respect to you and John McLauly as well too. I think that we will have to serve fourteen years hear; no more at present, but remain your affectionate

John McCauley,
No. 195 H. Troop, Allahabad.

Enclosure 7, in No. 10.

Encl. 7, in No. 10. From Major General *C. A. Windham*, C. B., Commanding Lahore Division, to the Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters.

Sir, Meean Meer, 12 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report that the following telegram was despatched to you this day: Court of Inquiry sat this morning at half-past five. President, Brigadier Smith. Members, Colonel Boileau, B. A., and Major Macmullen, 3d European Light Cavalry. Each man of Colonels Bourchier's and Blunt's troops were examined. Bourchier's troop; content, 32; non-content, 39. Blunt's troop; content, 34; non-content, 44. Without exception, all the non-commissioned officers are content, and nearly all the old soldiers. Of the non-contents, about one-half for bounty in preference to discharge, the other half for discharge. General reason given: "We enlisted to serve the Company, and see no reason why we should be transferred from one service to another, any more than from one regiment to another, without bounty and our own consent." Conduct of all the men respectful and quiet. I have not heard from Ferozepore, Sealkote, or Umritsur. May I send and have the opinions of the men at those stations taken before they show any discontent? 3d European Light Cavalry will be examined to-morrow.

I have, &c.
C. A. Windham, Major General,
Commanding Lahore Division.

(No. 359.)

Forwarded, by order of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, in continuation of letter from this department, No. 346, of yesterday's date.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
17 May 1859.

Enclosure 8, in No. 10.

(No. 1528.)

Encl. 8, in No. 10. COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Meerut, 19 May, 1.45 p.m.—From General *Bradford*.

To Head Quarters and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

ALL quiet in Meerut. Brigadier Showers reports some of the Artillery at Agra riotous in barracks, refusing to obey orders; but order restored.

Electric Telegraph Department,
19 May 1859, 5.30 p.m.

Enclosure 9, in No. 10.

(No. 1560.)

Encl. 9, in No. 10. COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Gwalior, 19 May, 7 p.m.—From Brigadier General *Napier*.

To Calcutta and Simla.—To Colonel *Birch*, Secretary to Government, and Chief of the Staff.

THE whole of the grenadier company of the 3d European Regiment have been examined; all appear sensible of their error, and express willingness to obey every order. I spoke to them separately and collectively. The light company will come up to-morrow; it has been the worst. I believe every man would have been on parade to-day, but I thought it better, after consulting the Brigadier and Colonel Riddle, to speak to the Light Cavalry first, and order the parade to-morrow evening; all who do not attend will be confined to barracks; the remainder will be released, and their statements of grievances submitted. I have already informed them that you will not receive petitions of disobedient soldiers. The remainder of your instructions will be adhered to.

Electric Telegraph Department,
19 May 1859, 6 a.m.

Enclosure 10, in No. 10.

COPY of Information received by Government in the Military Department. Encl. 10, in No. 10

ON last Sunday afternoon, a mutinous spirit showed itself amongst the men of the 6th Europeans, chiefly in the 4th and 5th companies, many of whom refused to do duty, and some threatened to rescue those who were taken to the main guard. The officers did their best, and read to them Lord Clyde's order of May 5, that had just arrived; two officers slept in barracks with the men; yesterday morning they again refused, and some were very violent; 33 are in confinement, four in irons, and this morning a Court of Inquiry assembles. There is only one old soldier implicated, the rest are recruits lately arrived. One bad feature of it is, that they have been urged on by one we should never have suspected.

The Roman-catholic Bishop, a few months ago, was ordered to send another priest here, as Father Josaphat could not be allowed to officiate with troops, having married a man without his officer's leave; another priest arrived named Camillus, but Josaphat has never left. Yesterday afternoon Father Camillus informed the commanding officer that after morning service last Sunday Father Josaphat mixed with the men, and asked them why they tamely submitted to injustice, and that they ought to fight for their right. The same afternoon the men mutinied.

Enclosure 11, in No. 10.

(No. 951.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Military Department. Encl. 11, in No. 10.

Sir,

I AM directed to transmit to you copy of information which has reached Government, respecting the alleged conduct of the Rev. Father Josaphat at Hazareebaugh, in order that, should the Lieutenant Governor consider it expedient, proceedings may be taken against Father Josaphat, in case evidence should be forthcoming. This information is in a private form, and at present no official communication on the subject has been made to Government.

I have, &c.

Council Chamber, Fort William, 19 May 1859.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General, Secretary to the Government of India.

Enclosure 12, in No. 10.

(No. 987.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Officer commanding Hazareebaugh. Encl. 12, in No. 10.

Sir,

INFORMATION has reached Government, but only through a private channel, and not in any official form, to the effect that the Rev. Father Josaphat has been endeavouring to excite some of the soldiers of the 6th European Regiment to resist authority in support of their demands for their alleged rights. A communication on this subject will have been made by the Government of Bengal to the Principal Assistant Commissioner at Hazareebaugh.

I am directed to request that the utmost caution may be observed in taking any measures to ascertain what has been done by the Rev. Father Josaphat, and in proceeding to take any steps affecting him. If this gentleman could be quietly induced to leave Hazareebaugh, that, perhaps, would be the best course. You will have the goodness to report to me on this subject for the information of Government.

I am, &c.

Council Chamber, Fort William, 20 May 1859.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General, Secretary to the Government of India.

Enclosure 13, in No. 10.

(No. 1040.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Very Rev. the Vicar Apostolic, Calcutta. Encl. 13, in No. 10.

Rev. Sir,

I AM directed to acquaint you that it has been reported to Government that the Rev. Father Josaphat, still residing at Hazareebaugh, though unemployed (he having been relieved of his clerical charge by the Rev. Father Camillus), is inciting the men of the 6th

European Regiment at that station to mutiny, on the question of bounty on the recent of the East India Company's troops, to be the Indian Forces of Her Majesty.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council considers it most desirable that Father Josaphat should quit Hazareebaugh, and he requests the favour of your assistance in effecting this object as soon as may be practicable.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
21 May 1859.

Enclosure 14, in No. 10.

(No. 1625.)

Encl. 14, in No. 10.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Gwalior, 20 May, 7.10 p. m.—From Brigadier General *Napier*.

To Simla and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and General *Birch*, Secretary to Government of India.

THE 3d Europeans were all on parade this evening, marched round in review, and are in all respects obedient. The Court of Inquiry continues its proceedings, and to-morrow will complete the statements of the grenadiers and light companies. I will then report fully, by letter.

Electric Telegraph Department,
21 May 1859. 12.15 p. m.

Enclosure 15, in No. 10.

(No. 1624.)

Encl. 15, in No. 10.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Benares, 20 May.—From General *Campbell*.

To Calcutta.—To General *Birch*.

OFFICER commanding 6th Europeans reports that a Roman-catholic priest, unemployed, at Hazareebaugh, is known to be inciting the men to insubordination on the bounty question; his summary removal is very desirable.

Electric Telegraph Department,
21 May 1859. 12.15 p. m.

Enclosure 16, in No. 10.

(No. 91.)

Encl. 16, in No. 10.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Commanding at Lucknow, to the Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta.

Sir, Lucknow, 20 May 1859.

IN reply to your copy of telegram, No. 420, dated the 9th instant, to Major General Sir H. Grant, K. C. B., Commanding Oude Division, I have the honour to inform you that no troops of the line can be spared from this station.

The 53d Regiment have already left this division for Allahabad. The 4th European Light Cavalry showed yesterday symptoms of discontent and misconduct, which were promptly suppressed.

Everything to day apparently satisfactory, and duty performed with cheerfulness.

I have, &c.
J. Chute, Brigadier,
Commanding at Lucknow.

Enclosure 17, in No. 10.

(No. 1906.)

Encl. 17, in No. 10.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Saugor *viâ* Jubbulpore, 24 May.—From Major General *Whitlock*.

To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch*.

21 May.—All quiet in this division.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Department,
24 May 1859.

Enclosure 18, in No. 10.

To Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, Secretary to the Government of India. Encl. 18, in No. 10.

Sir,

In reply to the letter I had the honour to receive this day, I beg to state that the reverend gentleman mentioned in that letter is under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the *Right Rev. Dr. Jubba*, the Vicar Apostolic of Patna. However, in such an urgent case as this, I have written to that prelate on that subject, and forwarded a copy of your letter. I have no doubt his Lordship will much blame the conduct of that clergyman, and remove him immediately from that station.

I have, &c.
A. Goiran,
Vicar General.

Calcutta, 21 May 1859

Enclosure 19, in No. 10.

(No. 1687.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 19, in No. 10.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Goverment, Military Department.

Six, p. m., Saturday, 21 May.—Companies quiet and orderly. Court of Inquiry has allayed any disquiet among them.

Electric Telegraph Department,
22 May 1859, 8.30 p. m.

Enclosure 20, in No. 10.

(No. 115.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William. Encl. 20, in No. 10.

Sir, Hazareebaugh, 22 May 1859.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 987, of the 20th instant, and in reply beg to state the following for the information of Government:—

2. Last Sunday, the 15th instant, the 6th European Regiment marched to church. No discontent of any kind was apparent, and not a man was absent. About one p. m., information reached me that some of the men were talking in a boisterous manner regarding their rights. Immediately ordered a parade in the evening, to explain to the men what steps should be taken in the event of their feeling themselves grieved. The parade took place as directed, and with the exception of about 50 men (all recruits who had lately joined) fell in. These recruits, however, positively refused to attend parade, but as they were young and inexperienced, I directed the officers to go and point out to them the folly of their conduct; this had the desired effect, and the men came on parade and expressed sorrow for what they had done, and I dismissed them, and permitted them to return to duty.

3. On Monday morning, however, 25 men (of those who had been previously pardoned) again refused to attend parade. I immediately confined and punished them severely, since which all has gone on most quietly, and I have even reason to suppose that the ill-feeling was entirely crushed, but I shall be able to judge better to-morrow, when the term of punishment inflicted on these men will expire.

4. As regards the cause of this ill-feeling, I believe it to be entirely attributable to certain letters which were received last Sunday from the 3d European Regiment, reporting the state of that corps, and upsetting the minds of the men, which last the Rev. Father Josaphat has also done his best to bring about.

5. As regards this last-named individual, I have the honour to furnish the following information: on Monday, the 16th instant, the Rev. Father Camillus called upon me, and told me that he had, on the previous Sunday, heard the Rev. Father Josaphat incite some men to oppose Government, and to demand their rights; Father Camillus also told me that he had spoken to the Rev. Father Josaphat on the impropriety of his conduct, but he did not seem to take heed, and requested that steps might be adopted to remove him from Hazareebaugh.

6. I am happy to say I have acted with the utmost caution as regards Father Josaphat; I applied demi-officially to Lieutenant Colonel Simpson, Principal Assistant Commissioner, for his opinion as to what could be done in the matter, but it appearing that no legal steps (even if desirable) could be taken against the reverend father, I thought it best to leave matters alone, and to report the circumstance to division head quarters, which I accordingly did, forwarding at the same time Colonel Simpson's reply to my note.

 7. From

7. From the knowledge I have of Father Josaphat's character, I feel sure that nothing would induce him to quit this station of his free will, more especially if he thought it was the wish of Government; and I have, therefore, thought it best not to mention the subject to him until such time as I receive definite orders regarding him. His presence here is decidedly dangerous, and I have the honour to request that steps may be taken for his removal.

I have, &c.
F. J. Wroughton,
Captain Commanding at Hazareebaugh.

Enclosure 21, in No. 10.

Encl. 21, in No. 10.

(No. 1763.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Saugor, *viâ* Jubbulpore, 22 May.—From Major General *Whitlock.*
To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch.*

ALL quiet in this division.

Electric Telegraph Department,
22 May 1859.

Enclosure 22, in No. 10.

Encl. 22, in No. 10.

(No. 1795.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute.*
To Simla and Calcutta.—To Chief of the Staff and Secretary to Government, Military Department.

SIX, p. m., 22 May.—Troops orderly.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Department,
22 May 1859.

Enclosure 23, in No. 10.

Encl. 23, in No. 10.

(No. 1839.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Saugor *viâ* Jubbulpore, 23 May.—From Major General *Whitlock.*
To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch.*

20 May.—All quiet in this division.

Electric Telegraph Department,
23 May 1859.

Enclosure 24, in No. 10.

Encl. 24, in No. 10.

(No. 1857.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute.*
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

SIX, p.m., 23 May.—Troops tranquil.

Electric Telegraph Department,
24 May 1859.

Enclosure 25, in No. 10.

Encl. 25, in No. 10.

(No. 1986.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute.*
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

SIX, p.m., 24 May.—Troops regular.

Electric Telegraph Department,
24 May 1859.

Enclosure 26, in No. 10.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 26, in No. 10.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government.

SIX, p.m., 25 May.—Troops submissive.

Electric Telegraph Department,
25 May 1859.

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No. 71 of 1859.—Military Department.

(Separate.)

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M. P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter of the 26th ultimo, we have the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information, further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry assembled at Meerut up to the 7th day.

The Court is still carrying on its investigation, and the men at the station of Meerut are perfectly quiet and orderly. Copy of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry held at Meean Meer is also transmitted.

We also forward a document from the non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st European Light Cavalry, setting forth their dissatisfaction at the recent decision of Her Majesty's Government, as to the inadmissibility of any claim to discharge or re-enlistment with bounty, consequent upon the transfer of the late East India Company's troops to the immediate service of the Crown, and enclosing copy of an attestation.

Enclosed, are also copies of documents having reference to the discontent of the soldiers in the Gwalior Division, and to the mutinous and insubordinate conduct of three men of the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore.

The Commander in Chief has desired that the prisoners of the 3d and 5th European Regiments at Gwalior and Berhampore shall be retained in confinement, but not tried until further orders. Similar instructions have been given by his Lordship in regard to two other cases of insubordination at Meerut and Cawnpore.

With the enclosures of this Despatch will be found a letter from the Chief of the Staff, with copies of telegrams and letters which have passed between the Commander in Chief and his Staff, and various commanding officers, with respect to the treatment of the discontent, and in which Sir W. Mansfield draws attention to the course pursued by Lord Clyde throughout, and which has been "calculated to keep the men in a path of legality, and to prevent the chance of collision."

We regret to inform your Lordship that discontent has now shown itself amongst the men of the 1st Bengal Fusiliers at Dugshaie. In accordance with the course pursued elsewhere, the Commander in Chief has directed the assembly of a special Court of Inquiry, to record such complaints as the men may desire to prefer.

From messages of 30th ultimo and 1st instant, from Jubbulpore, it would appear that there had been a feeling of discontent in the 3d Madras European Regiment, which has now, however, entirely ceased. We have called for a report of the circumstances, none as yet having reached us.

We have suggested to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay the expediency of convening Courts of Inquiry, when any discontent may show itself similar to those now being held in Bengal; but we have left it to the judgment of those Governments to determine whether or not there may be occasion for such a measure.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
B. Peacock.

Fort William, 3 June 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 11.

(No. 29 A.)

Encl. 1, in No. 11.

Service Message.

From the Commander in Chief to the Governor General, Calcutta.

Head Quarters, Simla, 12 May 1859.

I HAVE returned to Simla as I have found references so numerous that business was coming to stand-still. My intention was to have proceeded to the plains with the Adjutant General; but as the telegraph is now working from Simla, and as it is necessary to communicate with so many stations generally, it is expedient that I should remain with the head-quarters staff.

By order,
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Enclosure 2, in No. 11.

(No. 302.)

Encl. 2, in No. 11. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, to enclose for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, a paper from the non-commissioned officers and men of the 1st European Light Cavalry, setting forth their dissatisfaction at the recent decision of Her Majesty's Government as to the inadmissibility of any claim to discharge consequent upon the transfer of the late East India Company's troops to the immediate service of the Crown, and enclosing copy of an attestation.

2. These two documents were received yesterday by the Chief of the Staff, in a private communication from Major General Sir J. E. W. Inglis, K.C.B., commanding the Cawnpore Division.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla, 13 May 1859.

Enclosure 3, in No. 11.

Encl. 3, in No. 11.

ATTESTATIONS FOR REGIMENTS.

QUESTIONS To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	ANSWERS To be sworn to by the Recruits.
1. What is your name?	
2. In what parish, and in or near what town, and in what county were you born?	In the parish of in or near the town of in the county of
3. What is your age?	years and months.
4. What is your trade or calling?	
5. Are you an apprentice?	
6. Are you married?	
7. Are you ruptured or lame, have you ever been subject to fits, or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs, or unfits you for ordinary labour?	

Attestations for Regiments—*continued.*

QUESTIONS To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	ANSWERS To be sworn to by the Recruits.
8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the East India Company's Cavalry for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?	
This blank to be filled up by the justices, with 10 years for infantry and 12 years for artillery, if the person enlisted is of the age of 18 years or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and 18 is to be added to such 10 or 12 years, as the case may be.	
9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom were you enlisted?*	At on the day of 18 , at o'clock, by
* The recruit cannot be attested sooner than 24 hours, nor later than four days after his enlistment, and every recruit must be attested by a justice or other magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any justice or other magistrate acting for the district or place where such recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an officer in the army.	
10. For what bounty did you enlist?	
11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your enlistment?	
12. Do you now belong to the Militia or the Naval Coast Volunteers?†	
† The justice is directed in putting the 12th Question to the recruit, and before he receives his answer, distinctly to apprise the recruit, that if he belongs to the militia and denies the fact, he is liable to forfeit one penny a day of his pay for 18 months, if attested, and to 14 days' imprisonment, if he is not attested, and if he belongs to the Naval Coast Volunteers* he is liable, under the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 73, to imprisonment for six months, and his enlistment will be null and void.	
13. Do you belong to any regiment or corps in Her Majesty's Army, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or to the forces of the East India Company?‡	
14. Have you ever served in the Army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the forces of the East India Company?‡	
‡ If so, the recruit is to state the particulars of his former services, and the cause of his discharge, and he is to produce the certificate of his discharge if he has it with him.	
15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's service, or for the services of the East India Company, upon any prior enlistment?§	
§ If a recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and a vagabond.	

To wit. { of , one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace, , do hereby certify, that in my presence all the foregoing questions were put to the recruit, that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th articles of the Articles of War were read over to him; that he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; that he received the sum of on being attested this day; that he was not attested until 24 hours had elapsed after he had received enlisting money; that the place where he swears that he enlisted, is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I act; and that I am not an officer of the army, and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate, signed with my name.

The duplicate given to the recruit should be an exact counterpart of the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate in the attestation.

The Aggrievances and Claims of the late East India Company's 1st European Bengal Light Cavalry.

THESE are the feelings of the men of the above-mentioned regiment. They are dissatisfied with the decision of Her Majesty's Government respecting the late attempt to transfer the East India Company's troops to Her Majesty; we wish to know upon what grounds the late attempted transfer has been made. In the first place, our oath binds us to serve in the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require our services, and also for such further term not exceeding two years; now, according to that oath, the men consider when the late Company was broken up, of course there was no Company to require their services. Therefore it left the men free to enlist again with a fresh oath, binding them to serve the Queen, or have their discharge, whichever they may think fit, for the Company being no more, and the men having fulfilled their oaths by serving the late Company as long as they required their services, I now enclose a copied form of one of our attestations in which is confirmed what we state here. Now, gentlemen, I hope you will take into consideration these few words of our opinions, and not think us too bold. For as men of Great Britain and Ireland we took our oaths to serve one power, namely, the Honourable East India Company, and could we as men of Great Britain and Ireland violate that oath by serving another power? It is not that we have any dislike or ill-feeling to serve in Her Majesty's army, for we are loyal subjects, and would take a pride in drawing a sword in our country's defence; but as soldiers and men of honour we fully believe it would be on our parts to serve one power when our oaths bind us to serve another. Now, another point we wish to bring before you is, when we were sworn by a magistrate nothing was mentioned about us serving in Her Majesty's army, but we were particularly asked whether we belonged to Her Majesty's Army, Navy, or Marines, as our attestation can certify; now another point, several men have purchased their discharge out of Her Majesty's army for the express purpose of enlisting in the Company's service. Now, gentlemen, I think by your reading this steadily over, and taking every word into consideration you will come to the conclusion that our claims are just and honourable.

Sic in orig.

By the Non-commissioned
Officers and Men of the East India Company's
1st European Bengal Light Cavalry.

Enclosure 4, in No. 11.

(No. 369.)

Encl. 4, in No. 11. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

BY desire of the Commander in Chief, I have the honour to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, copy of a letter, dated 6th instant, No. 186, from Major F. Maitland, commanding 5th European Regiment, with charges against three men of the corps, for mutinous and insubordinate conduct.

2. Lord Clyde directs me also to annex copy of my reply, No. 1706, of this date, and to request you will acquaint the Governor General that like instructions have been sent in two other cases of insubordination that have occurred at Meerut and Cawnpore.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
18 May 1859.

(No. 186.)

From Major *F. Maitland*, Commanding 5th European Regiment, to Major *Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division.

Sir, Berhampore, 6 May 1859.

IN submitting the accompanying to Major General Sir John Hearsay, K. C. B., commanding the division, I request the favour of your explaining that, on the afternoon of the 2d instant, the Adjutant General's Circular, and the Orders of Government, deciding that no bounty was allowable on transfer to Her Majesty's service, was read out to the regiment; the same evening two companies showed a riotous disposition, until some of the ringleaders were placed in confinement; under these circumstances, I think it advisable an example should be made of the men against whom I have the honour to forward charges.

I am happy to say that the feeling about the bounty has now quite ceased.

I have, &c.
F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiment.

CHARGE submitted against No. 100, Private *John Harty*, 5th European Regiment,—

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct, at Berhampore, on the 3d day of May 1859, in having, after he had heard read on parade the Circular, No. 1152 from the Adjutant General of the Army, and General Order by the Governor General; No. 480 of 1859, regarding the transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the Crown; paraded the barracks with the badge of the late East India Company, and his cap and ribbons or papers of different colours flying from his cap, and tin pots beating, thereby inciting the men of the regiment to mutinous conduct.

Summary of Evidence.

Colour-serjeant *M'Mullin*, 5th European Regiment, states:—"On the 3d instant, between the hours of 2 and 6, p. m., Private Harty came into No. 1 Company's barracks. I saw him with the E. I. C. on his cap, either ribbons or papers of different colours flying from his cap. I ordered him out of my barracks; he had about five or six followers after him, with tin plates beating them. I ordered him out of my barracks; he went out."

Serjeant *George Sloane* corroborates the above, and adds:—"I saw him going away to the centre barrack (which is empty) after being ordered out of No. 1 Company's barracks. I reported the same to the serjeant-major; he ordered me to place them in confinement."

Lieutenant *Davies*, Adjutant, states:—"About 1 o'clock, p. m., on the 3d instant, the provost-serjeant came to me, and reported that the men were collecting in the centre barracks, in a very noisy and tumultuous manner. I immediately went over to the barracks; on my way I heard a great noise, and, on entering, found about 40 men, and Private Harty in the midst of them. I at once ordered him into confinement."

CHARGE submitted against No. 121, Private *John Masser*, 5th European Regiment,—

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct, and inciting others to mutiny, in having, at Berhampore, on or about the night of the 2d of May 1859, after having heard read, on the afternoon parade, the Circular, No. 1152, from the Adjutant General of the Army, and General Order by the Governor General, No. 480 of 1859, regarding the transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the Crown, stated in presence of the men; "I enlisted for the East India Company; I do not belong to the Queen, and I will not serve Her Majesty," or words to that effect.

Summary of Evidence.

Colour-serjeant *John Tracy*, 5th European Regiment, states:—"At Berhampore, on or about the night of the 2d May 1859, between the hours of nine and eleven, p. m., I saw Private Masser drunk, in barracks. I called upon Serjeant Lee, orderly serjeant of the company, to send him to the conjee house; on his being taken away he made use of the following expressions, in presence of the men: 'I do not belong to Her Majesty; I enlisted for the East India Company; I do not think it right to be compelled to serve Her Majesty. I will not serve Her Majesty.'"

Serjeant *Thomas Lee*, 5th European Regiment, states:—"On the 2d instant, between 9 and 11 p.m., I saw Private John Masser drunk in barracks. I ordered him to be confined; he resisted the escort, and said that it was not fair to compel him to serve Her Majesty."

Acting Corporal *Robert Lavin*, No. 6 Company, 5th European Regiment, states:—"I was ordered to take Private Masser into confinement; he resisted the escort, and said that he would not serve Her Majesty."

Colour-serjeant *James M'Keehine*, 5th European Regiment, states:—"I was pegging in the canteen, on or about the night of the 2d May 1859. I heard a row outside the door; I ran out, to see what was the disturbance, and I saw Private Masser strike a man, but cannot say who the man was; the man he struck said, 'I belong to Her Majesty;' and Masser said, 'Here is a man belonging to the Company;' and with these words, up with his fist, and struck him. After tattoo I saw him outside the barracks, exhorting the men to follow him to the right wing; he could get none to go with him, but called them cowards, and not men."

CHARGE submitted against No. 277, *Thomas Flynn*, 5th European Regiment,—

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct at Berhampore, in having, on or about the night of the 2d instant, when being taken a prisoner to the guard, resisted the escort, and attempted to incite the men of the regiment to mutinous conduct by shouting out several times: "Men, do you see me being taken to the guard?" or words to this effect, in such a tone of voice as was evidently intended to induce the men to rescue him.

Summary of Evidence.

Ensign *T. T. Oliphant* states:—"At Berhampore, on the 2d May 1859, I was station subaltern of the day. That night, at about 9 o'clock, when at mess, I heard shouting going on, in the direction of the south barrack. I did not at first think anything of this; but when the last post had sounded off, and the shouting still continued, I went out along with Ensign Bagshaw, the orderly officer of the day, to see what was going on. Lieutenant Oliphant went along with us; when about half-way across the square, Drill Serjeant Barry (5th European Regiment) met us, and reported that a number of the men were outside the barrack, making a disturbance, and refusing to go inside; on coming near to the barrack, we found such to be the case; some of the men were shouting out, 'Three cheers for the Company!' 'Three groans for the Queen!' Ensign Bagshaw stepped forward, and twice or thrice ordered the men to be quiet, and go into the barrack; some obeyed, but others seemed to take no notice of the order, but continued outside, making a noise; among the latter I noticed a man who happened to be near me; I at once ordered a file of men to take him to the guard for disobedience of orders. As soon as he was seized he commenced struggling violently with the escort, and tried to incite the other men to assist him, by shouting out several times, 'Men, do you see me being taken to the guard?' or words to that effect. Serjeant Shrubsole, of No. 9 Company, and two others, formed the escort. I followed them until some men (a corporal and file, I think) came from the guard to assist the escort. I then left them, directing Serjeant Shrubsole and the other men to procure a lamp, as soon as they got the prisoner to the guard, and discover who he was, in order that they might be able to swear to his identity, if afterwards required to do so. The next morning it was reported to me that this had been done; and that the man in question was Private Flynn, of No. 6 Company."

Serjeant *Shrubsole*, No. 9 Company, corroborates the above statement as regards Private Flynn, and can swear to his identity, as also can Serjeant Holloway.

(No: 1706.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Officer commanding Presidency Division.

Sir, Head Quarters, Simla, 18 May 1859.

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, dated 6th instant, No. 186, forwarded through you, by Major F. Maitland, commanding 5th European Regiment, submitting applications for the trial of the men of the corps named in the margin, for mutinous and insubordinate conduct; and, in reply, I am to beg you will cause the men to remain in confinement for the present, their trial being deferred till further orders.

Private J. Harty.
" J. Masser.
" T. Flynn.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 5, in No. 11.

(No. 28.)

Encl. 5, in No. 11.

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., &c. &c. &c.

Sir, Army Head Quarters, Simla, 18 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to enclose, by desire of the Commander in Chief, copies of the telegraphic messages which have passed to and fro between various commanding officers and myself with respect to the treatment of the discontent now pervading the ranks of the local European army of Bengal.

2. These telegrams would have been forwarded to you as they arrived were it not for the fact of the Commander in Chief having been in direct communication with his Excellency the Governor General all information required by his Excellency having been forwarded immediately by Lord Clyde.

3. You will observe in the telegrams, as well as in the confidential circular memorandum dated Kussowlie, 5 May 1859, the course which has been pursued by Lord Clyde throughout the business under reference, viz., one calculated to keep the men in a path of legality, and to prevent the chance of collision, the results of which might generally have so bad an effect.

4. I also beg to enclose certain letters to my address, in completion of correspondence already sent to you by the Acting Adjutant General.

I have, &c.
W. R. Mansfield,
Major General, Chief of the Staff.

Enclosure 6, in No. 11.

May 1859.

CORRESPONDENCE relative to the Discontent of Her Majesty's European Indian Army, on their transfer to the Crown.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 1 May, 5.5 p.m.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.
To Sirhind.—To General Officer Commanding.
To Delhi.—To Officer Commanding.
To Cawnpore.—To General Officer, Division.
To Agra.—To Brigadier Commanding.

A MUTINOUS spirit, caused by the transfer to the Crown, has shown itself in the Bengal Artillery, in which the 2d might participate. A meeting of about 400 men took place last night. Four speakers proposed to take the guns. It is reported a delegate from each troop and company will assemble this evening to arrange a rising. I shall act as circumstances may require, and will report further to-morrow.

Umballa, E. T. Office, 2 May 1859.

Electric Telegraphic Message.

From Meerut, Monday, 2 May 1859.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Simla.—To Chief of the Staff.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson proceeds to Simla this evening, as I consider it advisable to refer matters connected with yesterday's telegram for orders of the Commander in Chief. Had a parade of artillery this morning; considerable hesitation in turning out on part of young soldiers. Ten young artillery soldiers were absent. A proper spirit shown by old men when appealed to. I therefore left the guns in charge of the corps; but, as a precautionary measure, a picket of two companies of the 75th are held in readiness to turn out. The guns of the Royal troops are in park, in front of picket bungalow. Discontented men taken off all duty. In the 2d Cavalry the regiment, with very few exceptions, are discontented with the transfer; I have in like manner taken them off duty. Everything has been done to prevent a collision; and I have informed the troop that the matter will be referred for the decision of the Commander in Chief.

Umballa Telegraph Office, 2 May 1859.

Despatched 4 May 1859, 1 p.m.

(Very Urgent and Secret.)

From Kussowlie.—From the Commander in Chief.

To Meerut.—To Major General *Bradford.*

A FEW hours after the receipt of your first telegram the Commander in Chief left Simla for Kussowlie. Your messages have been received, and your measures have the approval of his Excellency.

Take care not to shake the confidence and good feeling of the good men of the artillery. Avoid a collision by all means in your power, and let the men know that his Excellency has left Simla for the plains; but before he can approach them and consider what they have to say, soldiers must be in their duty. Watch the post-office, and take such precautions as you may deem advisable.

By order,
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(Most Urgent.)

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 2 May, 11.15 p.m. Monday.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters and Umballa.—To the Chief of the Staff and General *Garrett.*

AFFAIRS have taken an unfavourable turn here. I have ordered two squadrons of Carabineers up from Muttra.

Umballa, Elec. Tel. Office, 3 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

COPIES of the Meerut Divisional Order and the Confidential Memorandum for the guidance of Officers commanding Divisions, have been already forwarded to Government.

H. Hope Crealock,
Lieut. Col., D. A. A. Gen. to Chief of the Staff.

To the Chief of the Staff, Head Quarters.

Meerut Division, Head Quarters, Meerut,
2 May 1859.

Sir,

MY telegram of yesterday will have informed you of the state of the Bengal Artillery and 2d European Light Cavalry. The reports received yesterday were of a very serious nature. Meetings had been held and delegates appointed, but I had reason to hope that no overt act would take place during the night. The officers commanding Royal troop* and 75th Foot were warned to be in readiness on parade the next morning. Whilst the Bengal Artillery were paraded for inspection by their own commanding officer, there was a delay of possibly three quarters of an hour on the part of young soldiers in turning out, but eventually all, with the exception of (10) ten recruits, paraded. The Brigadier Commandant addressed the men, and I ordered those who had no grievance to step to the front; and the old soldiers responded to the call, almost to a man, and expressed their willingness to serve Her Majesty without stipulation of any kind. One hundred and fifty-one men, being chiefly young soldiers, showed no inclination to follow their good example. On being questioned, they gave as their reason that none of them liked being made over without their consent. Some would be happy to re-enlist, but others would prefer their discharge. The manner of the discontented men was perfectly respectful. Under these circumstances I considered it expedient to leave the guns in charge of the men, the majority having evinced no dissatisfaction. As a precautionary measure, however, I ordered an inlying picket of two companies of the 75th Foot to be in readiness to support the good men in case of any overt act on the part of the bad, and the reason for my doing so I explained to the men. The guns of the Royal troop I have parked in front of the bungalow picket of the 75th Regiment. The whole of the men reported absent from parade are now in confinement. (I have ascertained that two of them, at any rate, visited the 2d Light Cavalry lines, as two artillerymen were seen running from the barracks by an officer, who had no means of pursuit at hand.)

* F. Troop H. A.

The parade of the artillery being quietly dismissed, I proceeded to the cavalry barracks, about a mile distant, and paraded the men, and had the order regarding the transfer read to them; and as it had been reported that the men were discontented with the transfer, and were known to have attended the mutinous meetings, I took measures to ascertain the number of well-affected, and am sorry to say that, with a very few exceptions, all are discontented with the enforced transfer. The men stood doggedly still and silent. On being repeatedly questioned, they stated they objected to be transferred without their own consent, and laid great stress on the fact, that the transfer from other corps had each received a bounty.

I have ordered all the discontented men, both of artillery and cavalry, to be taken off all duty and confined to barracks, pending a reference which they have been told shall be made. I have hitherto strenuously avoided any collision between the European troops of the Royal and Indian army; and in thus adopting a course which may be considered too conciliatory, I have been guided by the knowledge that at the last meeting of the delegates it was determined to appeal to the Commander in Chief before taking any aggressive steps, and I trust that his Excellency will approve of my endeavours to promote the public good.

It now remains for me to add that, in deputing an officer of Lieutenant Colonel Johnson's experience, I have acted in a manner which will at once place his Excellency in possession of the numerous details which no letter could contain; he has been present with me throughout, and is fully acquainted with all particulars, and I trust this measure will also meet approval.

In conclusion, I have to report that I have communicated the existence of a bad feeling in the troops to Government, and that I purpose for the present forwarding you a daily report.

I have, &c.
J. F. Bradford, Major General,
Commanding Meerut Division.

I have halted a march from Meerut, a detachment of about 150 artillery recruits, and shall keep them there for the present.

PETITION.

To his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

IT not being generally understood on what ground we claim our discharge, we submit the following argument in our favour, premising that we consider ourselves no longer soldiers or amenable to military law.

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1. In our attestation, we agree to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years providing they so long require our services; now the East India Company as regards us has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company, they cannot require our services, therefore, legally, our contract is void, and we are free.

2. Some have brought forward our oath of allegiance as an argument against us; now it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every civilian, and no man can obtain a situation under Government, without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has the power to keep us in our present situation, why does it not form a part of our attestation, of which we severally keep a duplicate; but no, it is only mentioned in the deposition made to the magistrate, consequently as it does not form a part of the attestation, it does not bind us in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally as civilians or otherwise.

Given in to the Staff Serjeant by Gunner Corhan, 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery, to-day.

W. Sankey, Captain,
Meerut, 2 May 1859. Commanding 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 3 May, 12.20. p. m.—From Major General *Bradford*.

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

REPORTED last night having ordered two squadrons Carabineers to Meerut. The reason for doing so, was that matters seemed to be getting worse, and cavalry showed a determination to do mischief. The following conversation was overheard by troop serjeant, Tomb's troop, between men of 2d Cavalry, then against orders in artillery lines. "We must settle this business to-night or to-morrow, and if Tomb's troop will not join us, we will burn their barracks over their heads." An attack being then expected, took all necessary precautions to resist it, and the night has passed over quietly. I have concentrated the Royal troops, and 75th Foot picket closer to Bengal guns than it was before. The spirit of Tomb's troop which I considered favourable in a manner yesterday, is not so good to-day; this is my opinion without any account on their part to go upon. They are rather hurt at their separation from the Royal troops; I have, as well as I can, cut off all communication between 2d Cavalry and Artillery. A letter was read in barracks some days ago and destroyed, to say Artillery and Cavalry at Lucknow mutinied, and that Royal Infantry would not act against them.

STATE OF TROOPS.

Tomb's Troop.		Depôt.	
Good	(seventy) 70	Good	(ninety-three) 93
Bad	(fifty) 50	Bad	(forty) 40

2d Company, 4th Battalion.		4th Company, 4th Battalion.
Good	(forty-seven) 47	All good.
Bad	(fifty-four) 54	

Umballah, Electric Telegraph Office,
3 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

(Most Urgent.)

From Lahore, 3 May, 3. p. m.—From Major General *Windham*, C.B.

To Umballah.—To Major General Sir *R. Garrett*, K.C.B.

YOUR telegram through Milman arrived last night; General Bradford's arrived this morning; I have seen all the artillerymen this morning; everything quiet and no discontent existing. Forward this to Lord Clyde.

Umballah, 3 May 1859.

To be forwarded to the Chief of the Staff, Head Quarters.

R. G., Major General.

All quiet at Umballah.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 2.30. p. m.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

NOTHING of consequence has transpired since last report. The men are perfectly respectful and quiet, waiting decision from head quarters.

Umballa, Electric Telegraph Office,
4 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

(Most Urgent and Confidential.)

From Lahore, 5 May 1859, 8. a. m.—From Lieutenant Governor, Punjaub.

To Head Quarters.—To Commander in Chief.

HEARING on the 2d of May from Meerut that the Bengal Artillery there was mutinously inclined owing to dissatisfaction at their transfer to the Crown, I caused letters from Meerut to the address of artillerymen at Lahore to be inspected; among these on the 4th there was found a letter, dated 1st May, from an artilleryman at Meerut addressed to a comrade at Meean Meer, indicating a combination of the Bengal Artillery at Meerut and Delhi for a strike on or about the 5th of May, and also a movement of the European Cavalry and Artillery from Meerut upon Delhi. The letter also intimated that the Royal troops at Meerut would not act against the artillery; also that Bengal Artillery at Lucknow and Muttra were in the plot. A meeting of the artillery to be held secretly at Meerut was mentioned, which meeting we know to have taken place. Warning was sent by the General at Meean Meer, at noon of the 4th, to Meerut and Delhi. On the morning of the 2d, the Bengal Artillery and Light Cavalry at Meerut were insubordinate at parade, but up to the present time there is no news of any outbreak. All well in the Punjaub. We shall continue to watch correspondence at all the artillery stations. I have sent intimation of the intercepted letters to the principal officers of the Punjaub, to Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, to Chief Commissioner of Oude, and to the Commander in Chief.

Umballa, Electric Telegraph Office,
5 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 5 May 1859.—From Major General *Bradford.*

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

HIGHLY inflammatory writings discovered on the walls of the barracks and washhouses of the 2d Cavalry. The following are specimens: "Stick up for a discharge or a bounty; if refused, immediately fly to Delhi." "Unity is strength." "I sincerely hope no one will volunteer, or a fresh bounty." "John Company is dead, we will not soldier for the Queen," and many more to the same effect. There was an alarm last night that the cavalry were turning out, but it appears to have been unfounded. It showed, however, that the arrangements for meeting anything of the sort were good. I have received the Commander in Chief's telegram; I have ordered post-office to be watched; a man of artillery arrested last night at the suggestion of General Windham, founded on intercepted correspondence. He proves to be a delegate whom we had an eye upon; in the 2d Cavalry there are about 180 good men, of which 110 or thereabouts are old dragoons.

J. F. Bradford,
Major General.

Meerut, 5 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

(Confidential.)

From Kussowlie, 6 May 1859.—From the Chief of the Staff,

To Allahabad and Lucknow.—To Mr. *Edmonstone,* Lieutenant Governor, North Western Provinces, and to Mr *Wingfield,* Chief Commissioner of Oude.

WE are watching post-offices, with respect to the most recent events. The Commander in Chief would be much obliged to you to give directions throughout your Government to the like effect.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Electric Telegraph Message.

(Confidential.)

From Kussowlie, 6 May 1859.—From the Chief of the Staff.

To Delhi.—To Mr. *Saunders*, Commissioner.

THE Commander in Chief will be obliged to you to watch the post-office at Delhi; you will understand the reason of this. Let me know your own private opinion as to the state of the troops where you are. Communicate all intelligence of importance to me by telegraph.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Delhi, 7 May 1859, 6 ½ p. m.—From Mr. *Saunders*, Commissioner.

To Kussowlie.—To Chief of the Staff.

I HAVE received your message. The post-office here has been regularly watched since the first intimation of the state of affairs at Meerut reached us. All letters from or to men at Delhi are taken to and examined by Colonel Maxwell, Commanding, and unless his Excellency desires otherwise, this arrangement had perhaps best continue. As far as I can form an opinion, I believe the 2d Fusiliers to be perfectly well affected and sound; the feeling in the artillery is not believed to be quite as good as in the fusiliers. One of the former was heard to say, that if the latter would only whistle to them, they would get their guns into the palace in a few minutes. I will communicate by telegraph to you all intelligence of importance.

Kalka, 7 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Lahore, 7 May 1859, 11 a. m.—From Lieutenant Governor, Punjaub.

To Simla.—To Lord *Clyde*.

THE following message has just been received from Delhi, in reply to a question, how all was there, and at Meerut:—

"Nothing new has occurred at Meerut. A gunner, by the name of M'Dougall, the writer of the letters intercepted at Lahore, has been arrested. He is reported to be a fine-looking young fellow, who was on the list as first for promotion; he was one of the delegates. At Delhi everything remains perfectly quiet; the feeling of the artillery is now believed to be as good as in the fusiliers. One of the former was heard to say, that if the latter would only whistle to them, they could get the guns into the palace in a few minutes. The Delhi post-office is regularly watched, but no mutinous correspondence has been discovered.

"6 a. m. 7 May.

"All quiet in the Punjaub, and no treasonous letters have been found."

Electric Telegraphic Message.

From Allahabad, 7 May, 12.15 p. m.—From Secretary to Government, North Western Provinces.

To Umballa or Meerut.—To Chief of the Staff.

ORDERS have been issued to magistrate, in concert with the military authorities, to keep watch on the post-office.

Umballa, E. T. Office,
7 May 1859.

(Confidential Telegram.)

From the Chief of the Staff to Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow.

Kussowlie, 7 May 1859.

IN anticipation of an order you will receive, you are informed, that a Special Court of Inquiry has been ordered by the Commander in Chief to assemble at Meerut, for the purpose of hearing what the men of the Bengal army have to say respecting the alleged

grievance on account of their transfer to the Crown. If you have any discontent among the troops under your command, make use of this information for the purpose of keeping them quiet, showing that a proper investigation is going on, in which the soldiers are allowed to give expression to their own views, in a soldier-like manner.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Meerut, 7 May 1859.—From Major General *Bradford*.—To Chief of the Staff.

To Head Quarters.

I HAVE received, by the hands of Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, the order dated 5th May.

The Memorandum of the Chief of the Staff has been published in D. O., and read to troops and companies of Bengal Artillery and Cavalry this morning.

The men who had been taken off duty have been ordered to return to duty. The carabineers have been halted at Bolundshuhur, and the batch of artillery recruits which were halted at Kurkowdah have been directed to march into cantonments to-morrow morning. I trust I shall be able to report, in a day or two, that an improved spirit pervades the troops, consequent on the promulgation of the order this morning. All is quiet at Meerut. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson proceeded towards Calcutta last night.

J. F. Bradford, Major General,
Commanding Meerut Division.

Electric Telegraph Message.

From Delhi, 8 May, 6 a. m.—From Brigadier *H. Troup*, Commanding.

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

ALL is serene here; am convinced, from the best of reasons, that such will continue. The feeling here is excellent; have received from the proper quarter these assurances at this moment.

I assumed this command yesterday. Report daily to General Bradford by telegraph. everything is arranged here for the safety of this place.

Electric Telegraph Office,
8 May 1859.

Electric Telegraph Message.

(Most Urgent.)

From Allahahad, 8 May, 11 a.m.—From General *Inglis*.

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

UNLESS I hear from you to the contrary, I shall disarm the 1st Light Cavalry this evening at six o'clock; they are in a mutinous state; and I cannot pacify them. Reply immediately.

8 May 1859.

(Most Urgent.)

Service Message.

From Kussowlie, 8 May 1859, 2 p. m.—From the Commander in Chief.

To Allahabad.—To Sir *John Inglis*, K. C. B.

TELL the 1st Light Cavalry that the troops at Meerut are behaving perfectly well, and are at their duty, in anticipation of the Court of Inquiry to inquire into their grievance. This Court of Inquiry assembles to-morrow. If this does not satisfy the men you must act to the best of your ability, but avoid collision. Tell them that the whole matter is now before the Commander in Chief and the Governor General, who are engaged in earnestly considering it.

Have you received my memorandum of the 5th instant?—Have it forwarded to you from Cawnpore without delay.

Read this message to the men.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

From Umballa, 8 May 1859. 2.15 p. m.—From Sir *R. Garrett*, K. C. B.

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

I HAVE got your very clear instructions in case I want them, but I do not think I shall. The transfer to the Crown has been talked about between the artillery and the Queen's troops, but nothing has yet occurred to require interference. I watch quietly and carefully. Nothing from Jullundur.

Kussowlie, 8 May 1859.

Service Message.

From Lucknow, 8 May 1859.—From Chief Commissioner.

To Head Quarters.—To Chief of the Staff.

I HAVE been doing the same at Lucknow, since the Lieutenant Governor's message reached me two days ago. Only one objectionable communication was found, and that not of a very bad character; it came from Muttra.

Kussowlie, 8 May 1859.

Service Message.

(No. 16.)

From the Chief of the Staff, to Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow.

Kussowlie, 9 May 1859. 1½ p. m.

YOU will have the goodness to report to me the state of the troops under your command, daily, by telegraph.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

(No. 14.)

From the Chief of the Staff to the Officer Commanding at Cawnpore.

Kussowlie, 9 May 1859. 9 a. m.

IN correction of an order sent by me to Sir John Inglis, let Gunner Paterson's trial be deferred for the present; he will remain in confinement.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

(No. 13.)

From the Commander in Chief to Sir *John Inglis*, Allahabad.

Kussowlie, 9 May 1859. 9 a. m.

What are your news?
Answer immediately.

By order,
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

From Sir *John Inglis*, Allahabad.

To Sir *W. Mansfield*, Head Quarters.

9 May 1859. 10 a. m.

THE 1st Light Cavalry refuse to turn out for parade this morning; with the exception of one troop they are perfectly quiet and do their guard.

I received Lord Clyde's telegram from Kussowlie last night on parade.

I propose on the arrival of 300 of the 60th Rifles from Benares, to disarm the 1st Light Cavalry, and take them with me to Cawnpore; should this proceeding meet with approval of the Commander in Chief, I go to Cawnpore to-day, returning to Allahabad on Wednesday.

W. Goodall, in Charge.

Kussowlie, 10 May 1859.

Service Message.

From Cawnpore.—Sir *John Inglis*, K. C. B.

To Kussowlie.—Lord *Clyde*.

9 May, 11 p.m.

I LEFT Allahabad at 12 o'clock this day, when all was quiet; since my arrival here I have had a telegram from the Lieutenant Governor, to say he requires me back immediately, as the 4th Regiment is disposed to relieve some prisoners, and the 1st Light Cavalry unruly. I leave this at five o'clock in the morning, with 350 men of the 48th Regiment.

W. Goodall, in Charge.

Kussowlie, 10 May 1859.

Service Message.

From Meerut.—General *Bradford*.

To Head Quarters.—Chief of the Staff.

9 May, 10 a.m.

ALL quiet at Meerut; men at their duty just as usual.
Special Court of Inquiry ordered by the Commander in Chief, assembled to-day.
I have received the Chief of the Staff's private letter, dated 7th May 1859.

W. Goodall, in Charge.

Kussowlie, 7 May 1859.

Service Message.

(Most Urgent and Confidential.)

From Gwalior.—Brigadier *Stuart*.

To Head Quarters.—Adjutant General of the Army.

10 May 1859. 11.45 p.m.

THE 3d Bengal European Regiment refused at first to turn out in parade this morning; on their officers ordering them, did so; men respectful; otherwise quiet. Major Light hearing of this, paraded his battery all obeyed, and on his asking if they had any grievances (26) twenty-six stated "yes;" all are recruits except eight of bad character.

W. Walton, in Charge.

Simla, 12 May 1859.

Copy of Telegram to Chief of the Staff.

Meerut, 10 May 1859.

ALL quiet at Meerut; Brigadier Showers reports trifling cases of insubordination, and thinks publication of Commander in Chief's order will have the desired effect.

J. F. Bradford,
Major General.

Service Telegram.

From Brigadier *Chute*.

Lucknow, 10 May 1859.

As no discontent has shown itself amongst the troops of Her Majesty's Indian army here, I wish to have the decision of the Commander in Chief, whether it be advisable to read the General Order of the Governor General, No. 480, concerning claims to bounty on re-enlistment of soldiers of late East India Company's force, which I have been directed by the Major General to have read at a general parade.

J. Chute, Brigadier,
Commanding at Lucknow.

Service Message.

From Cawnpore.—General *Inglis*.

To Head Quarters.—Chief of Staff.

10 May, 5 p.m.

I HAVE just arrived here by express train, return to Allahabad in an hour with 350 men of the 48th Regiment, in consequence of a message just received from the Lieutenant Governor, stating that the 4th Regiment intended to-night to release four prisoners at nine o'clock.

W. Walton, in Charge.

Simla, 12 May 1859.

Service Message.

From Allahabad.— Sir *John Inglis.*

To Kussowlie.—Chief of the Staff.

10 May 1859.

ARRIVED at Allahabad this morning, at the request of the Lieutenant Governor, bringing with me 330 men of the 48th Regiment from Cawnpore.

I have had two parades of the Light Cavalry, and addressed them on both occasions; they will not attend to their commanding officer; they will obey no orders again.

There were riots again last night. One company of the 4th Infantry was disorderly last night, but all on parade this evening.

I have received orders from the Governor General not to disarm these regiments unless under your orders, or for the sake of public safety.

I consider these regiments, particularly the 1st Cavalry, in a mutinous state. Shots were fired frequently in artillery lines last night. I should like definite instructions. I have a strong force of Royal troops available.

Kussowlie, 11 May. *W. Goodall,* in Charge.

(Confidential.—Most Urgent.)

From Kussowlie.—Chief of the Staff.

To Allahabad.—Sir *John Inglis,* K.C.B.

10 May 1859, ½ to 2 p.m.

YOU are enjoined by all means to avoid collision, in order to give due effect to the temporising measures now in progress. The Meerut troops are behaving admirably.

The special Court of Inquiry is sitting to hear their grievances. Let this be known. Order a similar court to assemble at Allahabad, at which every soldier is to be allowed to state his grievance if he is at his duty, and obeying his officers. Report when my memorandum of the 5th instant reaches you.

Let your Judge Advocate General conduct the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General.

Service Message.

From Kussowlie.—The Chief of the Staff.

To Allahabad.—Sir *John Inglis,* K.C.B.

11 May 1859, 1 p.m.

YOUR telegram of the 10th received. As you are aware, the Commander in Chief thinks it of the utmost importance to avoid a collision. The best way to do this is to show a good amount of force; you are therefore empowered to send to Benares for 400 of the 60th Rifles. In the meantime it is to be hoped that the men will listen to reason and return to order, sufficiently to appear before a Court of Inquiry to submit their grievances.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General.

From Major General *Inglis.*

Allahabad, 11 May 1859.

ALL quiet here. Can I appoint Captain Turner a Judge Advocate to conduct the special Court of Inquiry. The Judge Advocate of Division has much work at Cawnpore.

Service Message.

From General *Inglis.*

Allahabad, 11 May 1859.

EVERYTHING quiet here. Last night I had a parade, every man present. I then told the 1st Cavalry of the orderly conduct of the troops at Meerut, and directed them for the future to attend all parade as usual.

Service Message.

From Meean Meer.—Major General *Windham.*

To Head Quarters.—Chief of the Staff.

11 May 1859.

THIRTY-FIVE men of the 1st troop 2d Brigade Horse Artillery (Colonel Bouchier's troop) refused to go to parade this evening. I ordered the two troops to parade; all attended. I addressed them separately. Men respectful, but object to being transferred

to the Crown. I have ordered a Court of Inquiry to assemble to-morrow morning. I also had a parade of the 3d Bengal Light Cavalry.

No complaints from the cavalry. All the men have had it thoroughly explained to them that they may make any remonstrance, provided it is done in a soldier-like manner, and they continue to do their duty.

C. Windham, Major General.

Copy of Telegram to Chief of the Staff.

Meerut, 11 May 1859.

NOTHING particular has transpired here. Eight men examined yesterday by special committee. I shall discontinue a daily report, unless anything of importance occurs.

J. F. Bradford, Major General.

Copy of Service Telegrams received by the Chief of the Staff.

From Brigadier *M'Duff*.

Jullundur, 11 May 1859.

TELEGRAPH now open to this station; the district perfectly tranquil. No excitement of any kind.

Service Message.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to Chief of the Staff.

THE troops most orderly; not a murmer amongst them. 11 May 1859.

To General Sir *W. Mansfield*, K.C.B.

My dear General, Dugshaie, 11 May 1859.

I RETURN you the copy of instructions as requested, and beg to thank you for your kind and very acceptable communication. I am now in a position to give a full assurance to Lord Clyde, that the loyalty of the regiment may be confidently relied on. I have ascertained from some of the very best men in the regiment, that the intelligence from Meerut, which was received many days since, had no effect amongst the men; that the only grievance they really complain of was, when the transfer was just made, that they then considered themselves most unhandsomely treated, in the way in which they "were handed over, like a parcel of slaves or dirt." They were not asked to serve the Queen, their feelings were in no way consulted; and they were much piqued, and felt much discontent at the time, many declaring that they would take their discharge as soon as their time expired. And this accounts for the men asking for their discharge.

I conscientiously believe that, had Government made a pleasing little kindly-considered appeal to the men to serve the Queen, there would have been no dissentient voices, but a cheerful acquiescence.

Knowledge of the feelings of English soldiers is a very important qualification for commanding them, and had the transfer order rested with the head of the army instead of the civil government, this unfortunate affair would have been avoided.

The soldier's pride has been wounded; in his ignorance, he resents in an improper manner.

The clothing question is one which caused much discontent; the decision of Government is held in this regiment to be quite wrong, and though nothing is said, yet the men declare they have been deprived of their real due.

You know that the European portion of the Company's army was for many years so small a fractional part of the military establishment, it was at one time totally neglected; of late years much has been done to improve their position and condition, and it has been the express desire of the head of the army that in all respects their clothing, &c., &c. should be assimilated to the Royal troops; but still there are many differences; we want proper standing orders; and if not taking too great a liberty, I could very earnestly solicit your consideration on this point, which I believe to be all-important at this particular time. I believe Lord Clyde could not confer a greater service on these regiments than giving them a code of regulations; and I am sure that a general order notifying that this would be done as soon as practicable, would produce a very excellent effect.

You will, I trust, pardon my writing so freely. Lord Clyde's free and unreserved communication to me emboldens me to write freely, and it is possible my suggestion may be of use.

I hope

I hope the opening of the correspondence of the soldiers may soon be dispensed with, as I feel all confidence in their loyalty; will it not be as well to treat them with trust in their honour, now that the crisis is past. I purpose proceeding to Umballa on Tuesday, should all remain quiet at Meerut; but I will not leave the regiment if there is any chance of further disturbance in any other quarter.

Yours, &c.
Douglas Seaton.

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow.

Kussowlie, 11 May 1859, 4½ p. m.

CONVEY the orders of the Commander in Chief to Sir Hope Grant, to direct the march of the right wing and head quarters of the 53d Regiment from Gonda to Allahabad, *viâ* Fyzabad.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 28 A.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Major General Sir *J. Inglis*, K. C. B., Allahabad.

Head Quarters, Simla, 12 May 1859.

THE 53d Foot marches from Gonda to Allahabad immediately. Your telegram of the 11th of May has been received. We have returned to Simla. Reports from all sides are most encouraging, the men behaving well everywhere.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 29 A.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Colonel *K. Young*, Judge Advocate General, Meerut.

Simla, 12 May 1859.

HAVE two fair copies of the minutes of your proceedings made as you go on, sending one to the Secretary of Government, for immediate submission to the Governor General, and the other to me; these copies can be sent daily. It is not requisite for the Court to give any opinion unless you should be further instructed.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, 12 May 1859.

TROOPS quiet. No complaints. Telegram No. 68, relative to reading General Order of the Governor General, No. 480, to Her Majesty's Indian forces sen to Meer ut yesterday, supposing you were there.
Please answer quickly.

Service Telegram.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to Chief of the Staff, 12 May 1859.

ALL going on well here.

(No. 27 A.)

(Urgent.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow.

Head Quarters, Simla, 12 May 1859.

CONVEY the orders of the Commander in Chief by telegraph to Major Johnson, Royal Artillery, to march with his (4) four guns to Allahabad; he is believed to be now at Fyzabad.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Message.

From Meerut.—From General *Bradford.*

To Kussowlie.—To Chief of the Staff.

13 May 1859

I HAVE received your letter of the 10th, and will take care of the Carabineers, as Commander in Chief wishes.

There is, I find, much discontent among the 2d Fusiliers, though it has hitherto been concealed. This is, no doubt, why Brigadier Troup wishes to order a Court of Inquiry, referred to in my telegram yesterday. The orders of the Council have been communicated to Brigadier Showers. He is in possession of your Memorandum of the 5th May, and has been written to by me to be guided by moderation in dealing with discontent.

J. F. Bradford, Major General.

Service Message.

From Meean Meer.—From Major General *Windham.*

To Kussowlie.—To Chief of the Staff.

13 May 1859.

THE Court of Inquiry proceeded to the Fort at Lahore, and examined the artillery there yesterday evening: 52 men present; 50 content, 2 men not content. This morning the Court examined five troops 3d European Light Cavalry: 213 dissatisfied, including several non-commissioned officers. More by letter.

C. Windham, Major General.

Service Message.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute.*

To Simla.—To Chief of the Staff.

13 May 1859.

TROOPS orderly. Officer commanding 4th Light Cavalry, this morning received by post an anonymous and most mutinous letter written on behalf of the men of that corps.

(No. 31 A.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Sir *J. Inglis*, Allahabad.

Simla, 13 May 1859.

RECEIVED your message of the 12th. As affairs appear now so healthy with you, there seems to be no necessity for bringing up the 60th Rifles from Benares. Save them the trip if you can, but use your own discretion. The 53d is marching towards Allahabad.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 32 A.)

Service Telegram.

From the Chief of the Staff to Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow.

Simla, 13 May 1859.

You may defer reading the order, about which you have inquired. Counterorder by telegraph the march of Major Johnson's battery to Allahabad; it may now proceed to its destination, Goruckpore.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 34 A.)

Service Telegram.

From the Chief of the Staff to Brigadier *Troup*, Delhi.

Simla, 13 May 1859.

Unless it is absolutely necessary for the sake of order, it is not expedient to assemble more Courts of Inquiry, as the Commander in Chief and the Government will be sufficiently informed by those which are already sitting. But if required to preserve order, in your opinion, you are at liberty to take the orders of the General commanding the Division, with respect to assembling a Court of Inquiry similar to that at Meerut, who would have to nominate an officer to officiate as Judge Advocate General.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 35 A.)

Service Telegram.

From the Chief of the Staff to Colonel *K. Young*, Meerut.

Simla, 14 May 1859.

Make use of the printing press as you please, but take security from the printer that no use is made by him of copyright without your permission.

His Excellency begs you to be most particular on this point. The sheets might be printed daily, you correcting the proof.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

My dear General, Delhi, 14 May 1859.

I sent you this morning a telegram to the effect that all was going on here satisfactory, and so it is. As I was afraid that General Bradford's reference respecting a Court of Inquiry being held here might cause unnecessary anxiety, I merely wished to know, if I thought such to be necessary, if I was authorised to hold one. Your telegram in reply just received is satisfactory on that head.

General Bradford informs me he has forwarded to head quarters the copy of the letter from the soldier of the 2d Bengal Fusiliers that was addressed to me. I, on receiving this letter, adopted means by which I believe I have discovered the writer without his knowing it. He writes, "we four were confined;" on the occasion he alludes to, he was the only one of the four who could have written such a letter, and he is the man his regiment suspects of having addressed the press on the same subject, at which the regiment was displeased; he is a person of no influence in his regiment, and as his communication reached me in an unauthorised manner, I have of course, outwardly, taken no notice of it.

I have every reason to believe that the 2d E. B. F. are conducting themselves with unusual care to avoid if possible the opinion of discontent being attached to them as a regiment. That there are men ready amongst them for anything, is doubtless the case, but in very small numbers, and they are known and watched by the men of the regiment who regard its reputation. I believe all the men who would join any excitement, were such created, are known to their officers and serjeants, who in this regiment appear to me a superior class. For two days there has been no one before the commanding officer at orderly

room. The 2d E. B. F. had a continuation of their games the other morning, at which I, amongst others, was present. I have made Colonel Sherwill transcribe on the enclosed some wishes the men had on the occasion, showing, I think, that when mischief is intended, people don't previously publicly joke about the matter.

I remain, &c.
H. Troup.

To Major General Sir W. Mansfield, K.C.B., Head Quarters.

Service Telegram.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to Chief of the Staff. 6 p. m., 14 May 1859.

TROOPS tranquil.

Service Message.

From Brigadier *Troup*, Commanding at Delhi, to Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters.

Delhi, 14 May 1859.

ALL continues here most satisfactory, and I repeat my conviction that such will continue, of which I will give some proof by post.

J. W. Walton,
Assistant in Charge.

Simla Electric Telegraph Office.

From General *Inglis*, Allahabad.

14 May 1859.

13 May.—By the Court of Inquiry the troops are behaving well. I start for Cawnpore to-morrow morning, to speak to the Second Company Artillery there; they have behaved remarkably well. If they desire it, I will commence a Court of Inquiry there on Monday next, unless I receive orders to the contrary.

(No. 36 A.)

Service Telegram.

From the Chief of the Staff to Major General *Windham*, C. B.

Lahore, Simla, 15 May 1859.

YOU are to act in the spirit of the orders you have received at any station within your command when it may be necessary.

The object of a Court of Inquiry like that ordered at Meerut, is to allow the men to give their own views and reasons in a *soldier-like and orderly manner.*

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

Service Telegram.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to Chief of the Staff. 17 May 1859.

TROOPS quiet. Orders of the 14th I received this morning.

Service Message.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to Chief of the Staff. 17 May 1859, 6 p. m.

TROOPS tranquil. No complaints.

Enclosure 7, in No. 11.

From Brigadier General Sir *R. Napier*, Commanding Gwalior Division, to the Military Secretary to Government, Calcutta. Encl. 7, in No. 11.

Sir, Morar, 18 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have despatched the following telegram to General Mansfield.

I have, &c.
R. Napier, Brigadier General,
Commanding Gwalior Division.

Service Message.

From General *Napier* to General *Mansfield.*

17 May 1859.

I ARRIVED at Gwalior to-day. Major Light's Company of Artillery perfectly quiet, and doing all duties and parades as usual.

The 3d European Regiment (Bengal) perfectly respectful and doing all duties, but declining to parade. Twenty-four prisoners in the regimental quarter-guard for breaches of discipline connected with the subject.

Statements of complaints from companies were sent to me through the legitimate channels, but have missed me on the road; they may be lost or delayed. I have therefore ordered a special Court of Inquiry to assemble to-morrow, to record grievances for submission to Lord Clyde. I will be present, and shall thus see the men.

R. Napier, Brigadier General.

Enclosure 8, in No. 11.

(No. 30.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 8, in No. 11.

Sir, Army Head Quarters, Simla, 20 May 1859.

IN continuation of the correspondence relative to the discontent prevailing among the soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian army which I had the honour to forward to you with my letter No. 28 of the 18th instant, I herewith beg to enclose other telegrams and letters* bearing on the same subject.

* Already printed, pages 29, 32, 33.

I have, &c.
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

From Major General *Bradford* to Sir *Wm. Mansfield*, with Enclosure.

My dear General,

I ENCLOSE copies of two letters, one being an intercepted letter sent me by General Windham, from Gunner MacDougal, who is in confinement.

You will see there is plenty of treason in MacDougal's letter, and that it hints at disloyalty in F. troop and 75th Regiment, and leads to the supposition that various troops of B. H. A. are implicated in the "strike" as they call it. The copy of the letter sent by Colonel Maxwell is very satisfactory, as far as 75th Regiment goes; but the colonel's own letter shows that they are working at Delhi, though how far they have succeeded with the 2d Fusiliers is of course difficult to say.

"Delhi", however, is the watchword of the disaffected here; this I am aware of, as it's not the first time that I have heard that the B. Artillery talk of going there, though I did not believe it in the first instance.

You will probably consider that the Order promulgated yesterday will allay all this bad feeling, and in my opinion it will to a certain extent; that is, the discontented will wait patiently and respectfully for the present, but any unfavourable decision will make them as bad as ever.

I should much wish, if it can be done, that the 2d Cavalry should be moved from this; they are not dangerous by themselves, but they are so when combined with the disaffected artillery. I beg to be favoured with the Commander-in-Chief's orders in regard to keeping the F. troop separate from the Bengal Artillery; at present they occupy barracks

(bungalows) in the 75th lines, and the 75th picket occupy their bungalows directly in rear of the Bengal Artillery guns, of which there are 24 in all, thus—

B. H. A. - - -	6	TOTAL - 24 guns.
Battery - - -	6	
Depôt - - - -	12	

I am quite satisfied with the conduct of the Royal Artillery and 75th, nothing could be better than the way they turned out on both occasions of false alarms; and the conduct of the B. Artillery was equally good; but I must allude to the reports which have reached me, and prefer doing so in this way, rather than by telegraph, as I don't know how far the signallers are trustworthy.

Believe me, &c.
J. F. Bradford.

I shall send this by express, as I could not get it ready for the early post, at least I think not. Brigadier Troup reports all right at Delhi, and says I may depend upon its remaining so.

To Major General Sir W. Mansfield, K.C.B.,
Chief of the Staff, Head Quarters.

COPY of a Letter from Captain *Paton*, B. A., to Major *Norman*, with Enclosure.

My dear Norman, Simla, 13 May.

THE enclosed from my 2d Captain Rotton at Sealkote may interest you. It is the first I have heard about the new barrack arrangements, which I do not think at all judicious, or of the abolition of the alternate syces, which becomes simply a reduction of the men's pay, as in such cases every two men keep up the extra syce between them. It seems to me Rotton has acted very judiciously.

Yours, &c.
R. Paton.

Unless you can give me any news of Mac, don't bother yourself with writing a reply.

My Dear Paton, Sealkote, 9 May 1859.

I HEARD last night of the unpleasant business at Meerut about our regiment, but as it came from * * * I at once dismissed it as an absurdity; this morning's Delhi Gazette, however, confirms in a measure what I had heard, and I consequently at once went down to the barracks to speak to the serjeants and men of the troop; the staff serjeant told me he had heard yesterday also of something unpleasant having occurred at Meerut, but that, as far as our men were concerned, they were perfectly satisfied with the transfer from the Company to the Queen, and that neither he nor any of the serjeants had ever heard any one grumble at it, but he heard that the cause of dissatisfaction was not that which the Delhi Gazette stated, but that an order had been issued doing away with every alternate syce in troops of H. A., and taking away the bedding of the men, making them roll it up by day, and putting the men on the same footing as the Royal Artillery. I paraded the men, told them what the Delhi Gazette had published, pointed out the decision of Government on the subject of the transfer, and explained, as well as I could, the grounds of the decision, and reminded them that the officers were their best friends, to whom any appeal or any complaint could at all times be made, if done so in a proper manner; and further pointed out the impropriety and folly of seeking redress for any real or supposed grievance in any other way; they appeared perfectly satisfied, and I feel sure will not in any way cause us the slightest uneasiness; they have, I trust, too much good sense to follow in the silly course adopted by the Meerut men, who I don't believe belong to the artillery at all, but are dumpies. The Delhi Gazette includes the artillery, but I hope they were in no way engaged in the business; I thought it best to speak at once to the men, and ascertain if there was any feeling of dissatisfaction amongst them, which I am most happy to say is not the case. The rumours we have as yet heard are vague enough: one, that the men either threatened to or actually seized the guns, but this comes from Simla, and one knows what sort of stories get about there, and how much to believe of them. I can fancy any amount of panic going on there, and the chiefs having gone down would, of course, not add much to restore tranquillity in the minds of the invalids at Simla. I don't include you in this, though I hope to get a letter from you to-morrow or next day; I am keeping well, and free from any return of fever at present, &c. &c. &c.

Service Message.

From Meerut to Head Quarters. Major General *Bradford*; the Chief of Staff.

12 May 1859.

BRIGADIER Troup wishes to know whether he may order an inquiry at Delhi similar to the one at Meerut. He has received a caution, through the post, from a man of the Fusiliers, who signs himself as a delegate from the regiment. I understand that it is thought that the man does not represent the general feeling of the regiment. I find a correspondence is going on between the men at Dugshai and the 2d Cavalry here.

T. W. Walton, in Charge.

Service Message.

From Allahabad to Kussowlie. Major General *Inglis*, K.C.B., to Chief of the Staff.

12 May 1859.

YOUR Memorandum of the 5th reached me this morning; special Court of Inquiry assembles to-morrow, as directed. Report to-day is most favourable. I attended all regimental parades this morning. I think it desirable that I should speak to the 2d Company Bengal Artillery, Cawnpore; they have been very well with the exception of one man, Gunner Patterson, already reported. The precaution of the additional Royal troops has had a most beneficial effect both in the city and cantonments.

T. W. Walton, in Charge.

Service Message.

From Lahore to Kussowlie. Major General *Windham* to the Chief of the Staff.

12 May 1859.

EACH man of Bouchier's and Blunt's troops present were examined.

Bouchier's Troop:

Content	32
Non-Content	39

Blunt's Troop:

Content	34
Non-Content	44

Without exception the non-commissioned officers are content, and nearly all the old soldiers the non-content; about one-half for bounty in preference to discharge. General reason given, "we enlisted to serve the Company, and see no reason why we should be transferred from one service to another without bounty and our own consent." All men respectful and quiet.

Have not heard from Ferozepore, Sealkote or Jullundur. May I send and have the opinions of the men at those stations taken before they show discontent? Third European Light Cavalry will be examined to-morrow.

T. W. Walton, in Charge.

Service Message.

From Lahore to Kussowlie. From General *Windham* to Chief of the Staff.

14 May 1859.

COURT of Inquiry has finished. I will send proceedings as soon as possible. I feel confident that the half troop of Captain Rotton's Artillery will strike on reaching Sealkote. I should like to have the half troop already there examined at once.

Answer me this.

I asked the same question two days ago, and have had no reply.

Total number of non-contents in 3d Light Cavalry, 523.

T. W. Walton, in Charge.

Service Telegram.

From General *Inglis*, Cawnpore, to Chief of the Staff, Simla.

I LEFT Allahabad this morning, 14th May, all quiet and orderly.

(No. 2.)

From the Judge Advocate General to the Chief of the Staff.

Sir, Meerut, 14 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the special Court of Inquiry, of which Brigadier Horsford is President, is desirous of being favoured with the Commander in Chief's instructions on the following point. It seems pretty clear to the court that the men who have complained before it are under the impression that they are entitled, if the option of discharge is granted them, to a free passage in the event of their deciding to go home.

The matter, however, has only come up incidentally once or twice, the court having refrained from putting any direct questions on the subject to the complainants.

No. 2. It is now wished to know if it is his Lordship's desire that the feelings of the men, with reference to their right to a free passage home, should be unmistakeably ascertained by putting distinct questions to them regarding it.

I have, &c.
Keith Young,
Judge Advocate General.

Service Telegram.

From Brigadier *Chute*, Lucknow, to the Chief of the Staff, Simla.

6 P.M., 15th May. Troops orderly.

Service Telegram.

From Major General *Bradford*, Meerut, to the Chief of the Staff.

Simla, 17 May 1859. 1.33 p.m.

ALL quiet at Meerut.

Brigadier Showers reports that at Agra there are (53) fifty-three who wish to come before the Court of Inquiry, and (52) fifty-two content.

From the Chief of the Staff to the Judge Advocate General, Meerut.

Sir, Simla, May 1859.

IN answer to your letter, No. 2, dated 14th May 1859, I am desired by the Commander in Chief to say, that in his Excellency's opinion, it is desirable for the Court of Inquiry, presided over by Brigadier Horsford, B. A., to elicit, directly, evidence as to the feelings of the men with reference to their right to a passage home in case of the option of a discharge being granted to them.

I have, &c.
W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

(No. 39 A.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Sir *Robert Napier*, K.C.B., Gwalior.

Head Quarters, Simla, 19 May 1859.

IT is impossible for the Commander in Chief to accept any statement of grievances from the 3d Europeans, so long as they do not obey their officers and come to parade. If they wish to have the same privilege as that which has been conceded in other stations, they must deserve it by their proper behaviour.

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Let this be thoroughly understood, according to the 3d para. of the Order issued at Meerut, conveyed in my confidential memorandum, dated the 5th instant.

The men who are in confinement will not be tried till further orders, but they are on no account to be released. Guard against rescue.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

True copy of the foregoing forwarded to Major General Birch, C.B., for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General.

By order,
H. H. Crealock, Lieut. Col.,
D. A. A. G., to the Chief of the Staff.

Chief of the Staff Office, Simla,
19 May 1859.

Enclosure 10, in No. 11.

(No. 388.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 10, in No. 11.

Sir,

In continuation of previous correspondence, I am now directed by the Commander in Chief to transmit for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, the original documents, as per margin, having reference to the discontent of the British soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian army in the Gwalior Division.

1. Demi-official note from Brigadier-General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., to Chief of the Staff, dated 11th inst. 2. Extract from demi-official Letter, dated 8th May, from Major Meade, commanding at Seepree. 3. Letter from Brigadier Sir C. S. Stuart, K.C.B., commanding at Gwalior, No. 239, of 13th inst.

2. I am further to report that, by Lord Clyde's order, Brigadier General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., who is now at Gwalior, has been instructed to keep the prisoners of the 3d Europeans in confinement, but not to try them until he receives further orders; and he has also been reminded that no inquiry into the alleged grievances of the corps can take place unless the men are performing their duty properly and respectfully.

3. It will, I am to add, be matter of satisfaction to the Governor General that the conduct of the 2d Company, 5th Batalion Artillery, at Gwalior, has been unimpeachable.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla, 20 May 1859.

Enclosure 11, in No. 11.

My dear Mansfield,

I enclose a report (demi-official) from Major Meade, regarding the conduct of a company of the 3d European Regiment detached at Seepree. Encl. 11, in No. 11.

Meade's conduct has been, I think, sound and sensible; and I trust the men now come to their senses, and have kept their discipline inviolate.

I was on my way to Gwalior *viâ* Jhansi, but shall move as fast as possible to Gwalior direct, and shall be on the trunk road at Budderwas on the 14th.

I had requested Brigadier Stuart to keep the Commander in Chief informed by telegraph of everything that has happened at Gwalior, and to solicit orders if in doubt. I cannot conceive the men resisting ten minutes' conversation with any sensible person who might put the absurdity of their conduct before them.

Believe me, &c.
R. Napier.

Camp, Deepnakhera,
11 May 1859.

EXTRACT from (Demi-official) Letter from Major *Meade*, Commanding at Seepree, dated 8 May 1859.

I SENT for Webster, commanding detachment 3d Europeans at this station, on the 6th, on receiving your express about the Meerut business, and told him what you had written; he had not noticed anything wrong, but at once went to the post-office and secured two or three letters which were there for the detachment.

That afternoon I received from the brigade office at Gwalior the General Order regarding the claims set forth by these men, and as the head quarters of the 17th Lancers were here, I thought it better to have the matter settled at once, and accordingly I directed Webster to read it to the men yesterday morning, and report the result to me. He did so, and stated that nothing had been said, and that all was quiet; but about 8 a.m. he returned, and told me that his serjeant had been to him to let him know that the men were greatly dissatisfied, and that they all wanted to come to his quarters to state their grievance. I directed him to go at once and turn the men out, and hear what they had to say, and to point out to them that the matter having been decided by the highest authority after full consideration, it was not competent to them to discuss, or to officers to listen to, and receive further complaints on the subject. I also begged him to explain to the men the folly of their saying or thinking more about it. He returned about 10 a.m., and reported that nearly the whole detachment had stepped forward and declared their dissatisfaction, though they hardly seemed to know what they wanted. He spoke to them as well as he could, and gave the "Delhi Gazette," which contained a good and sensible article on the subject, to one of the best men to read to them, and as they seemed still dissatisfied, he said he would have them out again in the evening, by which time he hoped the perusal of this article would have had a good effect. I thought it perhaps better that I should accompany him and speak to the men myself in the afternoon, and I accordingly did so; about two-thirds of the men came forward when asked if they had anything to say; most of them were mere boys or very young soldiers, but a few older hands were amongst them. I took the right hand man, and asked him what he had to say; he had some difficulty in explaining, but said he considered it a grievance his being transferred to the Royal service for which he had not enlisted. I addressed the men, and pointed out to them the absurdity of the claim they put forth, and told them distinctly that the question having been settled we must hear no more of it. I spoke kindly to them, and told them not to be led away by any discontented or foolish comrades, and explained that their position was precisely the same as when Company's soldiers, that they had lost no rights, and were called on to perform no new duties, &c., and had still their own officers. I appealed to their good sense and loyalty, to let the matter now drop, and to cease all further discussion of it. The men were perfectly respectful, and I trust that we shall hear no more about the matter. I think a few ill-conditioned and badly disposed men have been trying to excite a spirit of discontent, but a large portion of the detachment, containing all the serjeants and most of the old men, kept aloof, and I think all will settle down, and that we shall hear no more of it. The demeanour of the men was so respectful that I don't think it worth while making a public report of what has occurred. Should I unfortunately see symptoms of further mischief, I will do so.

Yours, &c.
R. Meade.

(No. 239.)

From Brigadier *Stuart*, C. B., Commanding 1st Brigade, Gwalior Division, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Morar, Gwalior, 13 May 1859.

Sir,

IN connection with the latter part of my letter, No. 233, of the 11th instant, I beg to forward a roll of the prisoners of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, with their crimes appended, at present confined in their own quarter-guard, and to request that his Excellency Lord Clyde, Commander in Chief, will send me instructions as to how I am to proceed with regard to them. Should his Excellency wish these men, or any particular cases amongst them, to be tried by court martial, I have ample means here for carrying out the sentence whatever it may be, without fear of insubordination on their part hampering me in any way. The cases, as per margin, I would beg to bring prominently to his Excellency's notice, as being men who I have every reason to believe were the ringleaders of this disaffection, and principally instrumental in leading the young soldiers away, in some cases even, as I am credibly informed, using personal violence in estranging them from their duty. I am happy to be able to state, also, that the conduct of the 2-5 Battery Bengal Artillery has been unimpeachable, and from its having stood this severe test, I have every reason to hope for its continuance.

Wm. Barry, No. 4.
Jas. Watt, No. 7.
Edw. Clarke, No. 4.
Edw. Smith, No. 1.
Jim Carthy, No. 4.
John Sallas, No. 1.
Pat. Kenna, gr.

I have, &c.
C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade, Gwalior Division.

LIST

LIST of PRISONERS confined in the Quarter-Guard 3d Bengal European Regiment, by order of Colonel *W. Riddell*, Commanding, on Charges connected with the present Dissatisfaction.

Morar, Gwalior, 12 May 1859.

No.	RANK AND NAMES.		Regimental No.	Company.	Date on which confined.	CRIMES.
1	Private	M'Donaugh, John -	1,173	Grs.	10 May 1859	-- Disobedience of orders in not taking a man of No. 1 Company to the guard when ordered by the serjeant major; 2d, breaking out of the guard without being released.
	„	Kenna, Patrick -	1,120	Grs.	- ditto -	-- Rescuing a prisoner when being taken to the guard; 2d, breaking out of the guard without being released.
	„	Smith, Edwin -	1,205	1	- ditto -	-- Refusing to take a man to the guard when ordered; 2d, breaking out of the guard without being released.
	„	Lallas, John - -	336	1	- ditto -	-- Rescuing a prisoner when being taken to the guard; 2d, breaking out of the guard without being released.
5	„	White, William -	1,054	1	- ditto -	-- Disobedience of orders, and creating a disturbance in barracks; 2d, breaking out of the guard when a prisoner.
	„	Clarke, Edward -	271	4	- ditto -	-- Refusing to answer his name at breakfast roll-call to the orderly serjeant and colour serjeant; 2d, breaking out of the guard when a prisoner, first between the hours of 8 and 9 p.m., and again between the hours of 10 and 11 p.m., 10th instant.
	„	Condon, John -	1,299	4	- ditto -	-- Refusing to answer his name at breakfast roll-call to the orderly serjeant and colour serjeant.
	„	Barry, William -	802	4	- ditto -	-- Trying to excite the men of the company to raise a shout in the barrack room; 2d, disrespect to the adjutant; 3rd, breaking out of the quarter-guard when a prisoner between the hours of 10 and 11 p.m., 10th instant.
	„	Carthy, Timothy -	1,072	4	- ditto -	-- Heading a party to rescue the prisoners in the quarter guard; 2d, breaking out of the quarter-guard when a prisoner.
10	„	Wall, James -	467	7	- ditto -	-- Direct disobedience of orders in not taking a prisoner to the quarter-guard when ordered; 2d, insolence to Colour Serjeant Mulholland.
	„	Murphy, Patrick -	1,236	7	- ditto -	-- Absent from guard mounting; 2d, breaking out of the guard when a prisoner between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock p.m., 10th instant; beating a cook, and insolence to Colour Serjeant Mulholland.
	„	Murphy, Daniel -	1,126	7	- ditto -	-- Absent from guard mounting; 2d, breaking out of the guard when a prisoner, and not returning until the morning of the 11th instant.
	„	Eustace, John -	1,161	Lt.	- ditto -	-- Entering the canteen for liquor when on guard; 2d, breaking out of the guard when a prisoner, and not returning till the morning of the 11th instant.
	„	Pigott, Frederic -	1,094	Lt.	11 May 1859	-- Using seditious language; 2d, general disrespect to Serjeant Gunnell.
15	„	Hanna, William -	832	7	- ditto -	Refusing to answer taps.
	„	Martin, Richard -	721	4	12 May 1859	-- Disrespect towards the officer of the day (Lieutenant Thomson.)

E. B. Whimberley, Lieutenant,
Adjutant 3d European Regiment.

C. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade, Gwalior Division.

Wm. Riddell, Colonel,
Commanding 3d European Regiment.

Enclosure 12, in No. 11.

(No. 390.)

Encl. 12, in No. 11. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour, by direction of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, to transmit for submission to his Excellency the Governor General in Council, the proceedings of a special Court of Inquiry, assembled at Meean Meer on the 12th instant, to investigate the alleged grievance of the men of Her Majesty's British Indian forces at Lahore, in connexion with their transfer to the immediate service of Her Majesty.

I have, &c.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
20 May 1859.

Enclosure 13, in No. 11.

Encl. 13, in No. 11. PROCEEDINGS of a special Court of Inquiry assembled at Meean Meer, on Thursday, 12th May 1859, by order of Major General Windham, C. B., commanding the Lahore Division, to inquire into any Grievances which may be represented by men of Her Majesty's Indian Forces at Lahore, in connexion with their recent transfer to the service of Her Majesty, under the operation of the new Act of Parliament for the better Government of India.

President.—Brigadier M. Smith, Commanding at Lahore.
Members.—Colonel F. B. Boileau, Artillery; Major S. F. M'Mullen, 3d L. C.
Judge Advocate.—Captain J. N. Young, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Division.

The Court assembled at half past 5 o'clock in the morning at the mess-house of the Artillery.

The 1st troop, 2d brigade, Horse Artillery, and 4th troop, 3d brigade, Horse Artillery, are paraded in the mess compound.

The 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th paragraphs of Memorandum by the Chief of the Staff, dated 5th May 1859, and 56th paragraph of the "new Act" are read to the men.

The men are called in singly, and the following question is put to each individual:

Q. by Court. "Do you wish to make any statement regarding the recent transfer of the late East India Company to Her Majesty?"

1ST TROOP, 2D BRIGADE, H. A.

Staff Serjeant H. Daily—"I have no statement to make whatever."
Quartermaster Serjeant J. Leigh—"I have no statement to make."
No. 464. Serjeant H. Caplin—"I am perfectly satisfied."
5. No. 5,773. Serjeant C. Hawkes—"I have no statement."
No. 7,131. Serjeant J. Broom—"I have no statement."
No. 3,894. Serjeant R. Paul—"I have no statement."
No. 4,857. Serjeant J. Sadler—"I have no statement whatever."
Corporal P. M'Key.—On guard.
10. No. 7,427. Corporal T. Hughes—"I am willing to make out my enlisted service."
No. 7,407. Corporal J. Deignan—"I have no objection to the transfer."
No. 8,322. Corporal J. M'Farlane—In hospital.
No. 7,006. Corporal A. Hunter—In hospital.
No. 8,332. Corporal R. Murdoch—"I have no statement."
15. No. 7,518. Bombardier T. Bonehill—"I have no statement."
No. 8,127. Bombardier D. Murphy—"I do not wish to be transferred; I wish to be discharged."
No. 6,128. Bombardier W. County—"I am willing to serve Her Majesty for the time I have to put in, nine months."
No. 8,651. Bombardier G. H. Hayton—"I should like my discharge, but whatever conclusion the Government comes to is agreeable to me."
No. 6,049. Bombardier T. Kelly—"I am willing to serve for the six months remaining of my time."
20. No. 8,620. Bombardier J. Bowman—On guard.
No. 8,743. Bombardier J. Bickley—"I wish to claim my discharge, as I consider the decease of the Company cancels my agreement."
No. 6,466. Bombardier W. Innes—"I have no statement."
No. 5,859. Trumpeter J. Marlow—"I have no statement."
No. 8,078. Trumpeter W. Bead—"I have no statement."
25. Half-pay Trumpeter D. Matthews—"I am willing to serve; I am not enlisted yet."

No. 7,171.

No. 7,171. Gunner P. Brennan—In hospital.
No. 6,944. Gunner P. Burne—"I want my discharge, as I consider myself engaged to the Company and not to the Queen." Cancelled. *See* App. (A.)
No. 8,740. Gunner E. Brack—On duty.
No. 6,257. Gunner J. Brown—"I am satisfied to serve."
No. 9,094. Gunner J. Byrne—"I wish to get my bounty or my discharge."
No. 9,095. Gunner T. Butcher—"I wish my discharge or my bounty; I show my attestation."
No. 7,281. Gunner J. Campion—On guard.
No. 7,183. Gunner M. Callaghan—"I don't wish to be transferred, I wish my discharge."
No. 8,167. Gunner W. Campbell—On guard.
No. 7,850. Gunner J. Crotty—On guard.
No. 8,629. Gunner W. Cameron—"I was enlisted to serve the Honourable the East India Company; I wish my discharge."
No. 6,430. Gunner P. Crosbie—On guard.
No. 8,916. Gunner R. Cooper—On guard.
No. 9,275. Gunner J. Carson—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 9,277. Gunner W. Connor—In hospital.
No. 6,972. Gunner P. Divine—"I am satisfied."
No. 6,439. Gunner W. H. Dickson—"I am satisfied with the service."
No. 8,435. Gunner D. Dunlop—"A short time ago I purchased my discharge out of the Queen's service and enlisted afresh into the Company's service; I wish to be re-enlisted to serve the Queen, as I think I am entitled to a bounty."
No. 9,487. Gunner J. Denniss—"I am as willing to serve Her Majesty as anybody else."
No. 9,102. Gunner R. Davidson—"I am not satisfied; I want re-enlistment or my discharge."
No. 3,026. Gunner J. Entwhistle—"I am quite satisfied to serve."
No. 7,410. Gunner J. Ferguson—"I want my bounty and my service to count; I have served 8 years."
No. 8,640. Gunner P. Flynn—"I want my discharge if I can get it; I want no bounty."
No. 6,454. Gunner J. Foley—"I am satisfied."
No. 4,927. Gunner W. Gordon (Acting schoolmaster serjeant)—"I am satisfied with the transfer."
No. 9,296. Gunner T. Gosland—"I think I enlisted to serve the Company, and having been handed over, I think I am entitled to my discharge or new bounty."
No. 8,781. Gunner J. Gilliland—"I am perfectly willing to serve if I am fairly enrolled; I claim bounty or discharge."
No. 8,111. Gunner J. Gracey—"I am not willing to be transferred; I want my discharge."
No. 9,293. Gunner W. Graham—"I would prefer my discharge."
No. 7,546. Gunner S. Wood—"I was never enlisted to serve Her Majesty; I wish to have my choice of discharge or re-enlistment."
No. 7,314. Gunner S. Hayfield—"I don't wish to serve Her Majesty; I wish to have my discharge."
No. 7,866. Gunner P. Hennessy—In confinement.
No. 7,003. Gunner D. Hurley—"I am willing to serve."
No. 8,961. Gunner J. Hawthorn—"I had rather go home."
No. 9,306. Gunner W. Heatley—"I don't feel inclined to be transferred; I wish for my discharge."
No. 4,953. Gunner J. Joyce—"I am perfectly willing to serve Her Majesty."
No. 4,804. Gunner N. Kelly—A prisoner.
No. 6,468. Gunner J. Kerrigan—"I have one year to serve, and then I claim my discharge as matter of right."
No. 9,317. Gunner J. Kearney—"I want my discharge if I can get it."
No. 9,181. Gunner J. Kirwin—"I wish to be re-enlisted if I can."
No. 9,184. Gunner J. Langton—In hospital.
No. 9,186. Gunner J. Lalor—"I wish to get my discharge or my bounty."
No. 8,706. Gunner R. Lewis—"I would rather get my discharge, or else my bounty."
No. 5,347. Gunner J. Murphy—"I am content; I want to soldier on as I am."
No. 6,884. Gunner J. M'Clusky—A prisoner.
No. 8,471. Gunner D. Millins—"I am not satisfied at being transferred without receiving a bounty; I want either bounty or a discharge."
No. 8,631. Gunner O. Murphy—A prisoner.
No. 8,240. Gunner J. Mills—"I don't feel satisfied at being transferred; I wish my discharge."
No. 8,317. Gunner F. M'Carthy—In hospital.
No. 7,323. Gunner E. M'Kone—"I don't wish to serve; I wish my discharge."
No. 8,568. Gunner J. Mahon—"I want my discharge if I can get it."
No. 8,571. Gunner J. M'Innes—"I am not satisfied at being transferred from the Company; I wish my discharge."

No. 8,670. Gunner E. Madden—"I don't consider I belong to Her Majesty at present; I wish my discharge."
No. 9,193. Gunner D. M'Carthy—"I don't wish to be transferred; I wish to be discharged."
No. 4,662. Gunner J. Noble—"I think it hard, after 14 years, to be transferred; I want my discharge."
No. 7,467. Gunner M. Neal—"I wish to get my discharge; I did not enlist for Her Majesty."
No. 8,850. Gunner J. Riley—"I don't wish to be transferred; I wish for my discharge."
No. 7,246. Gunner T. Slime—"I don't exactly feel agreeable to the transfer; I wish for my discharge, if possible." Cancelled. *See* App. (A.)
No. 8,595. Gunner P. Smith (1st)—A prisoner.
No. 8,846. Gunner M. Noon—"I wish to get my discharge."
No. 8,600. Gunner J. Smith—"I wish to get my discharge."
No. 8,592. Gunner P. Smith (2d)—In hospital.
No. 9,227. Gunner H. J. Sermon—"I did not enlist to serve the Queen; I wish for my discharge."
No. 5,979. Gunner J. G. Tottle—"My time is expired, but I have no wish to claim my discharge."
No. 9,125. Gunner W. Wood—"I think, in my opinion, I am entitled to my discharge; I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,240. Gunner T. Williams—"I want my discharge; I think I am entitled."
No. 5,797. Gunner R. Mitchell—In hospital.
No. 7,841. Gunner R. O'Hara—"I don't wish to be transferred; I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,255. Gunner T. Wood—In hospital.
No. 4,715. Gunner D. Reid—"I don't wish to serve anybody at all; I am thinking about my discharge, and have written to my friends about it, but I don't mind about the transfer."

4TH TROOP, 3D BRIGADE, H. A.

No. 5,179. Staff Serjeant D. Kennelly—"I think I am bound to serve Her Majesty as well as the Queen before her."
No. 4,432. Acting Quartermaster Serjeant J. Healy—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 6,013. Serjeant T. Connors—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 5,110. Serjeant J. Hogan—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 7,102. Serjeant J. Walsh—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 6,866. Serjeant R. Higginson—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,979. Serjeant W. Horne—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 10,004. Serjeant J. Todd—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,985. Corporal M. Moran—"I am quite satisfied as I am."
No. 9,987. Corporal G. Mortimer—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 6,100. Corporal J. Shaughnessy—"I am satisfied."
No. 5,132. Corporal G. M'Fee—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 7,735. Corporal G. Wright—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,965. Corporal J. Baker—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,988. Bombardier M. Murphy—In hospital.
No. 10,005. Bombardier T. Walsh—A prisoner.
No. 9,971. Bombardier C. Considine—"I am willing to serve as long as my terms of service are not altered beyond the name." (The Bombardier is told that no alteration is made.)
No. 9,977. Bombardier T. Grennan—In hospital.
No. 9,978. Bombardier J. Freeman—A prisoner.
No. 9,973. Bombardier T. W. Dracott—"I am willing to serve."
No. 9,999. Bombardier E. Paye—"I am willing to serve."
No. 10,003. Bombardier F. Simmons—In hospital.
No. 7,960. Bombardier Castello—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 10,002. Bombardier W. Simmons—On guard.
No. 6,665. Trumpeter T. Owens—"I think I ought to be transferred with a boun ; I don't wish to be discharged; I want my volunteering money, 20 rupees."
No. . Trumpeter H. Worrell—"I am willing to serve."
Half-pay Trumpeter J. Worrell—On guard.
No. 9,974. Gunner J. Normyl—"I'll remain as I am, a soldier."
No. 9,976. Gunner J. Finn—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,991. Gunner T. Morrow—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 10,008. Gunner G. C. Williams—"I wish to go on as I am."
No. 9,984. Gunner T. Long—"I am willing to serve."
No. 9,970. Gunner J. Barrett—On guard.
No. 9,996. Gunner M. O'Brien—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 7,211. Gunner W. Legat—"I am quite satisfied."
No. 7,392. Gunner J. Canny—"I am satisfied to serve for the time I was enlisted for."
No. 9,972. Gunner E. Cullen—"I had rather go home. I think I am entitled to my discharge, as I enlisted for the Company and not for the Queen."

No. 9,975.

No. 9,975. Gunner T. Edgar—" I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,989. Gunner W. M'Donald—" I wish my discharge, or else some agreement made on serving the Queen."
No. 9,992. Gunner R. Newsman—" I wish my discharge; I think, according to my enlistment, I am entitled to it."
No. 10,001. Gunner T. Smith—" I wish my discharge or my bounty; I would not like to throw up my five years' service."
No. 9,982. Gunner T. Jones—" I wish to get my discharge."
No. 9,978. Gunner W. Gorman—" I wish to get a bounty or else my discharge; I don't wish to throw up my old service; I think to get a volunteering bounty and keep my service."
No. 9,974. Gunner J. Dring—" I had rather get my discharge or otherwise get a bounty."
No. 9,980. Gunner J. Hackett—" I don't wish to be transferred without a bounty."
No. 9,999. Gunner J. Richardson—In hospital.
No. 10,009. Gunner H. Williams—In hospital.
No. 10,007. Gunner G. Weaver—On guard.
No. 9,981. Gunner J. Hewetson—" I was not enlisted for Her Majesty's service; I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,968. Gunner G. Alcorn—On guard.
No. 5,106. Gunner D. Hoorigan—" I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,986. Gunner J. Murdoch—" I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,995. Gunner D. O'Regan—" I am quite satisfied."
No. 9,620. Gunner G. Dalghren—In hospital.
No. 9,619. Gunner J. Dawson—" I enlisted in the East India Company's service and no other; I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,621. Gunner T. Dunphy—" I would rather get my discharge or my bounty."
No. 9,103. Gunner W. Eason—" I think I am entitled to my discharge."
No. 9,624. Gunner W. Eldridge—" I am satisfied; I would rather have my discharge if it takes place."
No. 9,631. Gunner P. Fitzpatrick—" I wish to get my discharge; I think I am entitled to it."
No. 9,628. Gunner J. Fitzgerald—" I feel aggrieved; I think I ought to be re-enlisted."
No. 9,639. Gunner D. Havin—" I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,645. Gunner W. Gregory—" I enlisted for the East India Company; I wish my discharge, if the Company does not claim me any longer."
No. 9,646. Gunner G. Goodwin—" I wish for my discharge or bounty."
No. 9,665. Gunner G. Hargreaves—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and was turned over to the Queen. I want my discharge."
No. 9,301. Gunner N. Hughes—" I wish to apply for my discharge."
No. 9,518. Gunner T. Johnson—" I want my discharge."
No. 9,681. Gunner J. Kite—" I don't see my attestation says I am to serve the Queen; I want my discharge."
No. 9,693. Gunner P. Logan—" I wish for my discharge, or else re-enlistment."
No. 9,692. Gunner J. Lynch—" I want my discharge."
No. 9,715—Gunner G. Maguire—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and there is nothing in my attestation about serving the Queen; I prefer my discharge if it is to be got, or else a bounty."
No. 9,695. Gunner T. M'Ardle—" I want my discharge; I enlisted to serve the East India Company."
No. 9,721. Gunner J. Meeson—" I object to serving the Queen; to being turned over in that way; I wish to get my discharge."
No. 9,930. Gunner J. J. Paine—" I would rather have stopped with the Company; I think I ought to get a bounty, or else to let go home."
No. 9,739. Gunner J. Rashwood—" I enlisted with the East India Company for twelve years, and not exceeding fourteen years, and therefore I served them as long as they required me; I wish for my discharge."
No. 9,745. Gunner J. Rogerson—" I want my discharge."
No. 9,757. Gunner D. Scanlan—" I wish to get my discharge."
No. 9,758. Gunner J. Scott—In hospital.
No. 9,759. Gunner J. Smalley—" I was attested for the Company's service, with no mention of the Queen."
No. 9,748. Gunner T. Smith—" I would like to get a fresh bounty, or else my discharge."
No. 9,751. Gunner J. Smyth—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and there was nothing about serving Her Majesty."
No. 9,763. Gunner D. Stearne—" I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and am not willing to serve the Queen; if I had wished to do so I should have enlisted in *the Queen's service.*"
No. 9,752. Gunner J. Shanahan—" *I am not willing to be transferred.*"
No. 9,761. Gunner W. Strain—" I should like to get a bounty or my discharge."
No. 9,759. Gunner J. Swift—" I am willing to soldier on under the Company; if not I should like my discharge."

No. 9,776. Gunner G. Turner—" I enlisted for the Company's service; I claim a fresh bounty or a discharge."
No. 9,551. Gunner W. Turner—" I claim a discharge or bounty."
No. 9,777. Gunner T. Thomas—" I should like to get either my discharge or a bounty."
No. 9,249. Gunner P. Walsh—" I was enlisted for the Company's service, not the Queen's; I should like my discharge."
No. 9,795. Gunner J. Wilkins—In hospital.
No. 9,799. Gunner A. Frazer—" I wish to be re-enlisted, or to get my discharge."
No. 9,726. Gunner P. Pigott—" I don't wish to be handed over; I want my discharge."
No. 9,724. Gunner W. Townsbee—I should prefer my discharge or bounty."
No. 10,194. Gunner G. Field—" I am quite satisfied."
No. 4,791. Gunner M. Connelly—" I am quite satisfied."

FOOT ARTILLERY.

No. 7,589. Corporal F. Roley, 4th company, 4th battalion—" I am quite satisfied with the transfer."
No. 6,202. Gunner Alexander Farquhar, acting orderly room clerk, 4th battalion—" I am quite satisfied with the transfer."
No. 3,855. Quartermaster Serjeant W. Allen, 4th battalion, Artillery—" I have no objection to serve Her Majesty."

Adjournment.—The Court adjourns at quarter past eight o'clock, to re-assemble at six o'clock p.m., at the Fort, to see the Foot Artillery.

Second Sitting.

The Court re-assembled in the Fort at the Artillery barracks, at six o'clock p.m. of the same day (12th May).

The 3d company, 4th battalion Artillery, and a portion of the non-commissioned staff, 4th battalion, are paraded, and the same explanations given to them that had in the morning been given to the Horse Artillery at Meean Meer.

They are then called up individually before the Court of Inquiry, and the following question put to each man.

Question by Court.—Do you wish to make any statement regarding the recent transfer to the service of the Queen?

The two following men made answers as follows:

No. 8,137, Gunner Richard Pratt—" I enlisted for the East India Company for limited service, and no mention was made to me of serving anybody else; I wish to get a proper understanding, either to be discharged or re-enlisted."
No. 8,778. Gunner Lawrence Franklin—" I should like my discharge."

The following expressed themselves " satisfied with the transfer:"

Serjeant Major M'Carthy, 4th battalion.
Drill Serjeant Whitton, „
Bugle Major Booth, „
Drill Corporal Legg, „

3d COMPANY, 4TH BATTALION.

No.		
	5,384.	Staff Serjeant Hugh Stynes.
	5,770.	Serjeant Henry Gunnell.
	7,069.	„ Patrick Nagle.
	5,712.	„ George Norie.
5.	5,354.	„ Dennis O'Callaghan.
	7,236.	„ George Raeburn.
	7,620.	Corporal Joseph Birch.
	4,791.	„ William Hamilton.
	7,691.	„ John Johnston.
10.	4,074.	„ Charles Stacey.
	7,788.	„ William Low.
	3,328.	Bombardier Charles Duncan.
	7,537.	„ Thomas G. Fookes.
	7,309.	„ John Healy.
15.	113.	„ Matthew Hevey.
	4,946.	„ John Horan.
	8,002.	„ Richard Patwell.
	9,814.	Bugler Henry Battenburgh.
	7,504.	„ Joseph Dyson.
20.	8,404.	H. P. Bugler James Anthony.
	8,518.	„ Isaac Donegan.
	8,431.	Gunner Charles Carlin.
	9,071.	„ John Casey.
	8,915.	„ John Connor.
25.	8,537.	Gunner James Dempister.
	8,795.	„ Nicholas Hill.
	8,047.	„ James Innes.
	7,980.	„ Michael Johnson.
	6,555.	„ Thomas Keenan.
30.	4,801.	„ David Kennedy.
	8,560.	„ John Kennedy.
	4,047.	„ William Loaring.
	3,355.	„ Peter Lucas.
	6,079.	„ Patrick M'Donnell.
35.	8,830.	„ Richard M'Namara.
	8,675.	„ Robert F. Main.
	3,367.	„ James S. Muir.
	6,080.	„ Michael Murray.
	7,471.	„ Patrick Nolan.
40.	2,294.	„ George Nowden.
	7,481.	„ Matthew Quinn.
	7,368.	„ John Roberts.
	7,358.	„ Alexander Stalker.
	5,379.	„ Patrick Sullivan.
45.	8,362.	„ Robert Sutton.
	4,084.	„ Allen Tucker.
	8,605.	„ Charles Wining.
48.	2,434.	„ George Woolner.

Six

Six men in hospital were not seen by the Court of Inquiry.

The Court adjourns at half-past six o'clock p. m. until half-past five o'clock to-morrow morning at the parade-ground of the 3d Light Cavalry.

SECOND DAY.—*Friday*, 13 *May* 1859.

The Court re-assembled on the parade-ground of the 3d Light Cavalry. The regiment falls in, and 2d, 3d, 5th and 6th para. of Memorandum by the Chief of the Staff, and 56th para. of the "new Act" are read to the men.

The nature of the inquiry to be conducted by the Court is explained to the regiment, and all who desire to speak to the Court with regard to the transfer of their services to the Queen are directed to fall out on the reverse flank of the column.

The Court then adjourns to the orderly-room, whither the men who fall out are marched. Captain Macleod, commanding 3d Light Cavalry, is instructed to take the names of the men who kept their places in column, in token of satisfaction with the transfer.

The following question is put to each individual as he appears before the Court:

Have you anything to say regarding the transfer of your services to the Queen?

Their answers are recorded as follows:

A. TROOP.

No. 3,794. Corporal Edward Hughes—"I want my discharge; I enlisted in the East India Company's service, and the East India Company is broken up."

No. 3,104. Corporal Frederick Pegler—"I am led to understand that the East India Company is broken up, and I did not enlist to serve anybody else."

No. 3,163. Trumpeter Henry Joseph—"I claim my discharge, as I believe the East India Company is broken up."

No. 2,248. Private James Bradley—"I enlisted to serve the Company, and I wish for my discharge or re-enlistment."

5. No. 3,592. Private George Brown—"I don't wish to serve, I wish for my discharge."

No. 1,492. Private Thomas Byrne—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and would not wish to break an oath if possible."

No. 2,151. Private Joseph Black—"I want my discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. 1,647. Private John Campbell—"I want bounty or my discharge; I enlisted to serve the East India Company."

No. 956. Private Philip Cram—"I want to get my discharge, as the Company is broken up."

10. No. 3,279. Private John Cullen—"Since the dissolution of the East India Company I consider myself a free man, and want my discharge."

No. 1,301. Private James Davis—"I consider myself entitled to be turned over to no one."

No. 1,593. Private John Delaney—"Since the Company is broken up I *think* I am entitled to my discharge."

No. 3,202. Private Joseph Entwhistle—"I want my discharge; I am not entitled to serve Her Majesty; I took an oath to serve the Company."

No. 3,002. Private George Glassby—"I consider myself a free man and entitled to my discharge."

15. No. 3,017. Private John Gleeson—"I took an oath to serve the Company, and should feel dissatisfied if I were to break my oath."

No. 2,115. Private William Grainger—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and don't want to be transferred; I claim my discharge."

No. 3,068. Private John Groom—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and I should like my discharge if I could get it."

No. 1,287. Private Patrick Hanlon—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and I wish to have fresh bounty or discharge."

No. 3,018. Private Frederick Harrison—"I consider myself entitled to a fresh bounty or my discharge."

20. No. 3570. Private John Haydock—"I consider myself a free man, and claim discharge."

No. 3,998. Private Bernard Hickey—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and don't wish to break my oath."

No. 3,824. Private John Holland—"I consider myself a free man."

No. 1,674. Private Peter Hutchinson—"I am not bound to serve Her Majesty."

No. 2,966. Private John Hanley—"I have been 19 months in the service; I've been ill all the time and can't stand the country. I consider myself a free man."

25. No. 3,161. Private John Joiner—"I enlisted to serve the Company, and I think I shall not be acted right if I am not considered free."

No. 859. Private Richard Johnson—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company only."

No. 1,029. Private James Jordan—"I enlisted for the East India Company only."

No. 3,122. Private John Jordan—"I think I am a free man now, by the dissolution of the Company."

No. 4,128. Frederick G. Joyce—"I am dissatisfied at being turned over to the Queen."

No. 3,854. Private Patrick Joyce—"I made an oath to the East India Company, and don't wish to break it. I want my discharge."

No. 3,828. Private Patrick Killala—"I wish to get my discharge; I consider myself free."

No. 1,628. Private Daniel Lawton—"I enlisted under the East India Company, and don't wish to break my oath."

No. 4,123. Private Henry Lee—"I wish for my discharge or a fresh bounty, as the Company is broken up."

No. 1,458. Private John Lovell—"I consider myself liable to my discharge."

No. 1,054. Private Thomas Lowney—"I hear the East India Company is broken up, and I now claim discharge."

No. 841. Private Michael M'Cormick—"I enlisted for the East India Company only."

No. 1,432. Private John Orr—"I wouldn't wish to break my oath to the East India Company."

No. 1,562. Private John Rogers—"I took an oath to the East India Company, but as they don't require my services I consider myself free."

No. 2,826. Private Henry Stanley—"I enlisted for the Company's service only."

No. 3,185. Private William Tanner—"I wish to have my discharge, as the East India Company is broke up."

No. 3,349. Private James Turner—"I believe the East India Company is broken up."

No. 3,012. Private John Turner—"I believe the East India Company is broken up, and I wish to get my discharge."

No. 2,829. Private James Wyatt—"I should be very sorry to break my oath; I consider myself a free man now; I have had a deal of sickness in this country, and would be very glad to get my discharge."

B. Troop.

No. 2,801. Lance Corporal W. Weston—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and I should not like to break my oath; I am willing to serve Her Majesty on re-enlistment."

No. 3,444. Corporal M. Kelly—"I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 1,192. Private G. Bootle—"I think myself entitled to my discharge or fresh bounty."

No. 1,695. Private W. Bourchier—"I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 4,017. Private A. Collins—"I should think I am entitled to my discharge."

No. 1,393. Private E. Curran—"I want my discharge, as the East India Company is broken up."

No. 2,868. Private J. Dennehy—"I think I am entitled to a free discharge before I enlist again."

No. 862. Private J. Doland—"I think myself liable to my discharge."

No. 3,403. Private T. Dudman—"I think myself entitled to my discharge or bounty."

No. 3,530. Private J. Gall—"I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 1,351. Private J. Gannan—"I want my discharge as the Company is broken up."

No. 4,143. Private O. Foy—"I want to go home. I enlisted for the Company only."

No. 2,882. Private H. Hughes—"I don't wish to be turned over."

No. 2,903. Private J. Haddock—"I want my discharge now the Company is broken up."

No. 1,556. Private J. Hickey—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and I want my discharge or fresh bounty."

No. 1,601. Private J. Jardyne—"The Company is broken up, and I want my discharge."

No. 1,358. Private J. Luby—"The Company is broken up, and I want my discharge."

No. 2,910. Private J. Lacy—"I don't want to serve Her Majesty."

No. 3,818. Private M. M'Cann—"I wish my discharge, being enlisted only for the East India Company."

No. 4,028. Private W. Nisbett—"I consider myself entitled to my discharge before serving the Queen."

No. 1,599. Private J. Molloy—"I want to see if I can't get my discharge, as I don't consider I belong to the Queen."

No. 2,863. Private T. Murphy—"I think myself a free man now."

No. 1,508. Private J. Morris—"I am not satisfied at being transferred."

No. 2,656—Private J. M'Namara—"I enlisted for the Company, and I want my discharge."

No. 4,145. Private T. Nisbett—"I only took an oath to serve the East India Company."

No. 787. Private J. Peak—"I think myself entitled to my discharge before I serve the Queen."

No. 2,905. Private J. Pegler—"I claim my discharge, being enlisted for the Company only."

No. 1,454. Private D. Sullivan—"I want to go home, having enlisted for the Company."

No. 1,566. Private J. M'Kennan—"I want my discharge, being enlisted for the Company."

No. 1,591. Private A. Ryan—" I think myself a free man, the Company not requiring my services."

No. 3,608. Private J. Toomy—" I hear the Company is broken up, and I want my discharge."

No. 4,137. Private E. Ward—" I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 1,606. Private J. Williamson—" I don't wish to be transferred."

No. 1,737. Private A. Goat—" I wish to claim my discharge."

No. 3,064.—Private J. Hickey—" I don't wish to be transferred."

No. 2,911. Private E. Crolan—" As I don't belong to the East India Company now, I think myself a free man."

No. 4,014. Private C. Ellis—" I hear the Company is turned out by the Queen, and I don't want to serve without getting my discharge."

No. 3,100. Private J. Lenahan—" I don't wish to be turned over to the Queen."

No. 3,410. Private J. Morris—" I think I am entitled to a free discharge; I wish to take my discharge, now that the East India Company does not want me."

No. 170. Private J. Cumings—" I don't want to serve the Queen, as I consider myself freed from my enlistment,"

No. 1,673. Private G. Denger—" I consider myself a free man, the East India Company being broken up."

C. Troop.

No. 3,839. Serjeant Napier—" I should like to get an explanation of being transferred without a bounty or anything else."

No. 3,602. Serjeant Harris—" I have been transferred without my consent, and consider myself entitled to discharge or fresh bounty."

No. 1,176. Serjeant Alexander—" I think myself entitled to my discharge. I have had very bad health in this country, and don't wish to stay."

No. ——. Serjeant Desmond—" I don't consider myself entitled to serve Her Majesty without a bounty, or some recompense."

No. 2,928. Corporal Ridge—" I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and don't like being turned over without any satisfaction."

No. 2,816. Corporal Woolfry—" I think by being made to serve Her Majesty, I should be breaking my oath. I think myself free."

No. 4119. Corporal Isaacs—" I should be breaking my oath by serving the Queen instead of the Company."

No. 721. Trumpeter Reynolds—" I claim my discharge as not entitled to serve the Queen."

No. 3,591. Private Bolt—" I did not enlist for the Queen, and I want my discharge."

No. 4,059. Private Butler—" I want my discharge as I am not willing to break my oath."

No. 3,802. Private Bellion—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and I now claim my discharge."

No. 845. Private Baxter—" I don't like to be transferred."

No. 1,417. Private Edward Brown—" I don't want to break my oath, I claim my discharge."

No. 1,656. Private Henry Brown—" I wish my discharge, if I could get it, not having enlisted for the Queen."

No. 3,753. Private Cooley—" I don't wish to break my oath to the Company, and I claim my discharge."

No. 3,616. Private Crowley—" I should like to get off; I served the Queen before, and was discharged. I can't ride, and I should like to be exchanged into the 20th regiment, reckoning my service in the cavalry."

No. 3,727. Private Chapman—" I don't wish to break my oath to the Company, I think myself free now."

No. 1,376. Private Cookley—" I think myself entitled to a free discharge."

No. 736. Private Cooke—" I wish to go home, or to get a fresh bounty."

No. 3,978. Private Dailey—" I want my discharge as the Company is done away with."

No. 1,513. Private Dockerty—" I want to get my discharge, as I am free now."

No. 2,811. Private East—" I consider myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 907. Private Farley—" I don't mean to serve the Queen without a re-enlistment; or otherwise I expect a free discharge."

No. 1,385. Private Gohery—" I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 4,010. Private Griffin—" By serving Her Majesty I would be breaking my oath; I am not bound by any attestation to the Queen."

No. 3,711. Private Gibson—" I wish my discharge, as I consider myself free now."

No. 893. Private Goldrick—" I wish to get my discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. 3,798. Private Hudson—" I don't think it would be right in me to serve any longer."

No. 3,803. Private Hamilton—" I want my discharge, as I think myself free."

No. 3,679. Private Hunter—" I think I am free to claim my discharge."

No. 3,385. Private Ivory—" I wish my discharge, as I am no longer bound to the Queen."

No. 3,809. Private Kay—"I can't help the East India Company being broken up; but I am now free to claim my discharge."

No. 3,056. Private Knight—"I think myself a free man."

No. 3,657. Private Kelley—"I wish for a free discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. ——. Private Leadward—"I should like to get either a fresh bounty or my discharge."

No. 2,825. Private Linford—"I was sworn to serve the Company only."

No. 71. Private Moran—"As there is no Company now, I consider myself a free man."

No. 60. Private Morrison—"I think I am a free man."

No. 1,735. Private Martin—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and no other, and I think my services is over. I don't serve the Queen; I have given her 10 years as a seaman, and I will give no more."

No. 1,540. Private M'Donald—"I think my services is over, and I want bounty on re-enlistment or discharge."

No. 1,158. Private M'Carthy—"I want to get a new bounty or discharge."

No. 3,713. Private James M'Kenzie—"I enlisted to serve the Company; and have had bad health since I came into the country. I now wish my discharge."

No. 3,201. Private Mark Mogan—"I don't wish to be transferred."

No. 3,168. Private Samuel Prichard—"I consider myself free to claim my discharge."

No. 3,498. Private James Ingley—"As the Company is done away with, I am not willing to serve any longer."

No. 738. Private William Ryan—"I want a bounty or a free discharge."

No. 3,744. Private Samuel Saunders—"I want a fresh bounty or a free discharge."

No. 3,825. Private Robert Smith—"I don't want to be transferred without a fresh bounty or a free discharge."

No. 3,169. Private James Smith—"As the Company is broken up I expect a free discharge."

No. 3,915. Private Dennis Smith—"I expect my discharge as the Company wants me no longer."

No. 3,685. Private John Scott—"I enlisted to serve the Company, and I think myself entitled to a free discharge."

No. 1,211. Private James Toland—"I think I should be enlisted over again; otherwise given a free discharge."

No. 3,172. Private William Taylor—"I do not wish to be transferred to the Queen."

No. 4,009. Private Michael Toole—"I claim my discharge, as the Company to whom I was sworn is broken up."

No. 4,139. Private Joseph Wilkinson—"I think I am entitled to a discharge, being no longer under an oath."

No. 3,861. Private William Wareham—"I don't consider myself bound to the Queen."

No. 1,605. Private Thomas Watson—"I don't want to be transferred."

No. 1,711. Private Michael Walsh—"I don't wish to be transferred."

No. 3,029. Private William Jennings—"I think I am under no claim to serve as the East India Company is broken up."

No. 250. Private John Young—"I want my discharge, as I enlisted for the Company only."

D. Troop.

No. 751. Serjeant Stephen Gough—"I think myself entitled to a discharge or re-enlistment."

No. 3,237. Corporal Martin Murray—"I think I ought to get my discharge as the Company is broken up."

No. 2,002. Corporal Thomas Cain—"As my services are not required by the Company, I think I am entitled to a bounty on transfer."

No. 3,538. Corporal James Clegg—"I think I am a free man; if there is an opportunity of going home, I should like to go. If not, I will soldier. I am no mutineer."

No. 719. Corporal Henry Parton—"I don't wish to be turned over to the Queen."

No. 4,102. Trumpet Major Robert Bishop—"I wish to have my discharge, as entitled to it."

No. 64. Trumpeter John Kelly—"I wish to get my discharge as not attested to the Queen."

No. 3,003. Private Thomas Bell—"I want my discharge, as not enlisted but to the Queen."

No. 3,317. Private William Bell—"I don't wish to serve the Queen, as I was only sworn to serve the Company."

No. 2,916—Private Joseph Bailey—"I have heard the Company is broken up, and I claim a free discharge."

No. 2,799—Private Arthur Bewsey—"I should like my discharge as not being attested to the Queen."

No. 1,082. Private John Barrett—"I object to the transfer, being enlisted for 12 years, or less, should the Company not require my services."

No. 3,507. Private David Carey—"I look upon myself as a free man now, the Company not requiring my services."

No. 2,817. Private John Coles—"I expect a free discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. 2,992. Private Thomas Crump—"I consider myself a free man, not being under an oath to the Queen."

No. 1,491. Private Christopher Cassidy—"I wish for my discharge, as the Company no longer wants my services."

No. 1,550. Private Thomas Connell—"I consider myself free of my oath, and don't wish to be transferred without my own choice."

No. 1,286. Private John Cunningham—"I think I am freed since the Proclamation of the Queen."

No. 3,890. Private John Driscoll—"I want my discharge, being sworn only to the Company."

No. 1,487. Private Henry Ellis—"I want to get my discharge."

No. 2,968. Private James Fletcher—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and don't wish to be transferred."

No. 3,814. Private Michael Healey—"I don't see why I should be turned over by the Company without my option."

No. 889. Private Samuel Hewett—"I did not enlist for the Queen, and I think myself free."

No. 716. Private Thomas Hazlewood—"I can't see that I can be transferred."

No. 1,422. Private Robert Hagger—"I don't feel satisfied to serve the Queen without a re-enlistment."

No. 3,601. Private Benjamin Isles—"I consider, as the Company no longer requires my services, I am free of my oath."

No. 4,053. Private William Jenkins—"I consider myself free from the oath to serve the Company."

No. 2,808. Private Henry Jackson—"I consider myself free from my oath to serve the Company."

No. 778. Private John Kennedy—"I was never sworn in to serve the Queen, and don't wish to be transferred to serve the Queen at all."

No. 718. Private Josiah Mills—"Since the Proclamation was read I consider myself free of my oath."

No. 3,510. Private William Murray—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and think myself free of that oath."

No. 3,304. Private William M. Murray—"I enlisted for the Company, and don't wish to be transferred."

No. 744. Private John M'Ardle—"I enlisted for the Company, and as the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge."

No. 1,648. Private Mathew M'Mullen—"I don't want to transfer myself to the Queen."

No. 3,868. Private Timothy Noonan—"I think myself a free man now."

No. 3,277. Private Robert Sculler—"I consider myself free, as the Company to whom I was enlisted does not exist."

No. 4,016. Private Michael Stanley—"I wish to go home, as the Company has done with me."

No. 1,613. Private John Smyth—"I claim my discharge, as the Company does not exist."

No. 4,054. Private Ralph Sherwood—"I don't feel satisfied that I should serve the Queen unless I have a re-enlistment."

No. 3,644. Private Thomas Turner—"I wish to get home, and think I am free of my oath to the Company."

No. 777. Private William Timmins—"I don't wish to be transferred to the Queen."

No. 785. Private Mathew Tirenan—"I am not willing to serve the Queen."

No. 4,140. Private John Woodling—"As the Company does not want me, I consider myself free."

No. 1,407. Private Joseph Withers—"As the Company does not exist, I consider my oath is at an end."

No. 1,683. Private John Wilson—"I am not willing to serve the Queen without bounty."

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No. 1,867. Private Patrick Mullholland—"I don't wish to be made over to the Queen, as I enlisted for the Company only."

No. 910. Private John Moy—"I don't wish to be transferred, as I enlisted only for the Queen."

No. 1,958. Private Michael Herbert—"As the Company requires me no longer, I think I am entitled to my discharge."

No. 2,264. Private Christopher Callaghan—"I enlisted to serve the Company, and don't wish to serve the Queen, I claim a fresh discharge."

No. 2,484. Private Edwin Leary—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and I think that engagement is at an end."

No. 2,015. Private James Kelly—"I hear the Company is disembodied, and I accordingly wish for my discharge."

No. 1,720. Private Henry Howe—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and I think myself entitled to my discharge."
No. 1,938. Private Richard Henderson—" I enlisted for the Company's service, and as that is at an end, I wish for my discharge."
No. 3,528. Private James Callaghan—" I think I am free, as the Company is broken up."
No. 2,235. Private Charles Cross—" I don't think myself bound to serve without a re-enlistment."
No. 2,019. Private James Fennigan—" I don't like to be transferred."
No. 962. Private Irwin Horner—" I enlisted for the Company, and as that is over I think myself entitled to my discharge."
No. 1,721. Private George Jones—" I don't wish to serve the Queen; I would sooner go home, as I enlisted only for the Company."
No. 1,913. Private John Lockrie—" As the Company is void and disannulled, I don't wish to serve."
No. 2,066. Private Samuel Newman—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and I wish for a re-enlistment or a free discharge."
No. 2,149. Private Edward O'Neil—" I enlisted for the Company's service, and I ought to get a bounty or discharge, or something."
No. 2,238. Private James Wallace—" As the Company is dissolved, I think myself at liberty to choose whether I will re-enlist or be discharged."
No. 2,173. Trumpeter John Price—" I enlisted for the Company's service only."

The Court adjourns at half-past 9 o'clock in the forenoon, to re-assemble to-morrow morning at the same place, at half-past 5 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.—*Saturday*, 14 *May* 1859.

The Court re-assembles at half-past 5 o'clock in the morning at the orderly room, 3d L. C., and proceeds to inquire individually from every soldier who appears before it what he has to say regarding the recent transfer of his services to the Queen.

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No. 241. Private Hugh Green—" I enlisted to the East India Company: that being extinct, I wish to claim my discharge."
No. 674. Private Henry Carroll—" I am dissatisfied to serve the Queen, as I believe she has no claim to me without my own good will."
No. 99. Private Neil Dogherty—" I don't feel satisfied at being transferred; I enlisted for the East India Company, not to Her Majesty."
No. 98. Private John M'Intyre—" I don't wish to serve the Queen, who did not enlist me."
No. 838. Private John Macden—" I enlisted for the East India Company only."
No. 602. Private Colin M'Phail—" I enlisted for the East India Company only."
No. 254. Private William Welsh—" I enlisted for the Company only, and wish for my discharge."
No. 209. Private John Reid—" I enlisted for the Company only."
No. 218. Private James Wilcockson—" I enlisted for the Company only, and as that is extinct, I wish my discharge."
No. 198. Private Archibald M'Clarnon—" I took my oath to the East India Company only."
No. 703. Private John M'Guire—" I demand my discharge, not being properly enlisted."
No. 157. Private Henry Clarke—" I enlisted for the East India Company only."
No. 326. Private Thomas Goodwin—" *I took my oath to the East India Company* only, and now want *my discharge.*"
No. 325. Private Richard Gordon—" *I never enlisted for the Queen.*"
No. 427. Private Thomas Hallinan—" I took my oath to the East India Company, and not willing to break it, I want my discharge."
No. 482. Private John Walsh—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and don't like being turned over."
No. 191. Private Michael Murphy—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and claim my discharge."
No. 302. Private Joseph Mullholland—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and want my discharge."
No. 337. Private James Beechy—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and not for Her Majesty's, and therefore I am dissatisfied."
No. 288. Private Alexander Dykes—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and now ask for my discharge."
No. 109. Private John Jamieson—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and am not willing to serve the Queen."
No. 424. Private Patrick Maily—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and claim my discharge."

No. 712. Private David Armstrong—" I did not enlist for the Queen, and want my discharge."
No. 702. Private Mathew Boyd—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and wish to get my discharge."
No. 531. Private James Waterson—" I never took an oath to serve the Queen, and if the Company does not require my services, I claim my discharge."
No. 261. Private John Wylie—" I am attested to the Company only, and consider my oath no longer binding."
No. 493. Private Thomas Shaw—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and as that is done away with, I believe I am entitled to my discharge."
No. 603. Private Owen Gallaghan—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and, as that is no more, I claim my discharge."
No. 3,405. Private Thomas Knight—" I was sworn for East India Company, and now want my discharge."
No. 429. Private John Jones—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and, as that is broken up, I want my discharge."
No. 385. Private Loughanan M'Neil—" I wish my discharge as I am under no oath."
No. 301. Private W. Connolly—" As the East India Company is broken up, I claim my discharge."
No. 96. Private Michael Broodley—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and I want to be discharged or re-enlisted."
No. 705. Private W. Stuart—" As the East India Company is extinct, I claim my discharge."
No. 293. Private Joseph Millar—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."
No. 927. Corporal Edward Clarke—" I am not at all satisfied; I enlisted for the term of 12 years, or two more, if the said Company should last."
No. 382. Private Thomas Lawless—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and now claim discharge."
No. 214. Private John Murray—" I enlisted for the East India Company only."
No. 484. Private Jeremiah Cushen—" I enlisted for the Company only, and now expect my discharge."
No. 184. Private Henry Morris—" I never enlisted to serve the Queen."
No. 387. Private Thomas Gillies—" I enlisted for the Company only, and am not satisfied to be transferred."
No. 246. Private Robert Millar—" I enlisted for the Company only, and now claim my discharge."
No. 297. Private Hugh M'Mullen—" I enlisted for the Company, and, as that is done away, I claim my discharge."
No. 303. Private Peter Wainright—" I don't wish to be transferred."
No. 707. Private James Baines—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and wish to claim my discharge."
No. 189. Private James Murphy—" I enlisted for the Company only, and wish to have my discharge."
No. 174. Private John Connell—" I enlisted for the Company only, and that's broken up now."
No. 1,510. Private John Struthers—" I enlisted for the Company only, and now claim a free discharge."
No. 206. Private James Graham—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and now wish my discharge."
No. 830. Corporal Richard Tudor—" I feel aggrieved at being made over to the Queen, being attested to the Company only."
No. 433. Private Martin Cairey—" Since the Company is broken up, I want my discharge."
No. 101. Private W. Lindsay—" I don't wish to serve Her Majesty, as I am not attested to her."
No. 216. Private W. J. Palmer—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and, as they don't require my services, I claim my discharge."

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No. 190. Lance Corporal J. O'Neil—" I am dissatisfied with this transfer. I enlisted with the East India Company, and am not satisfied under the present Government. I want a proper understanding; I want discharge."
No. 425. Lance Corporal M. Hartnell—" I am dissatisfied with the transfer, and claim my discharge."
No. 799. Private John Nicholas—" I don't agree to serve the Queen."
No. 255. Private John Burns—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and now want my discharge."
No. 421. Private John Connors—" I am not willing to serve the Queen."
No. 225. Private Thomas Cullinan—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and as they don't require me, I claim my discharge."
No. 758. Private Charles Deegaw—" I am not willing to serve the Queen."
No. 245. Private James J. Dignan—" I am not sworn in to the Queen, and consider myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 95. Private John Dougherty—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and claim my discharge."

No. 415. Private Thomas Fitzgerald—" As the East India Company is done away, I want a fresh enlistment, or discharge."

No. 434. Private John Genovan—" I enlisted for the Company only, and claim my discharge."

No. 728. Private John Green—" I feel dissatisfied; ever since the Proclamation was read, I considered myself free, and want my discharge."

No. 623. Private G. Heather—" I don't wish to be transferred over to the Queen; I want my discharge."

No. 102. Private Hugh Kennedy—" I want my discharge; the Company is turned over to the Queen."

No. 199. Private J. M'Donald—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and now wish my discharge."

No. 582. Private Edward M'Guinness—" I want my discharge, as my obligation to the Company is over."

No. 299. Private J. M'Phillip—" I want my discharge, as I am not enlisted to the Queen."

No. 3,639. Private Peter Mills—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and want my discharge."

No. 914. Private Richard Morton—" I wish for my discharge, as I think I am entitled to it."

No. 3,533. Private W. Ward—" I want my discharge, as I am not enlisted to the Queen."

No. 303. Private G. Mushett—" I believe the Company has given up. I want my discharge."

No. 530. Private Peter Rafferty—" I am dissatisfied, and want my discharge."

No. 722. Private W. Roberts—" I enlisted on the 1st February 1858 to the Company, and I consider myself entitled to a free discharge; if a re-enlistment was offered, I would look into it."

No. 806. Private Michael Rowe—" I don't wish to be transferred; I wish to be discharged."

No. 3,306. Private John Ross—" I want my discharge."

No. 201. Trumpeter Peter Smith—" I want my discharge, as the Company is broke up."

No. 300. Private J. Taafe—" I did not enlist to serve Her Majesty, and want my discharge."

No. 253. Private J. Thompson—" I enlisted for the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."

No. 1,170. Private W. Whitelock—" I don't wish to be transferred; I request my discharge."

No. 455. Private G. Williams—" I enlisted for the Company only, and wish my discharge."

No. 304. Private Alexander Tosh—" I enlisted for the East India Company only, and claim my discharge."

No. 3,596. Private G. Arnold—" I want to get my discharge, as the Company has been turned over to the Queen."

No. 171. Private Thomas Keenan—" I don't wish to serve under the Queen, as I was attested to the Company."

No. 183. Private J. Dalton—" I want my discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. 420. Private Daniel Leary—" I enlisted to the East India Company, and as my services are not required, I claim my discharge."

No. 880. Private Robert Boyd—" I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."

No. 422. Private Samuel Dennison—" I don't wish to serve under Her Majesty."

No. 897. Corporal Michael Reilly—" I am not satisfied to be transferred; I wish to be discharged, as the Company is dissolved."

No. 218. Private Samuel Turnbull—" I wish to have my discharge, as the Company has broken up."

No. 445. Private P. Conlow—" I enlisted under the East India Company, and am not satisfied to serve under Her Majesty; I claim my discharge."

No. 215. Private P. Walsh—" Under the 8th article of my attestation I consider myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 3,583. Private J. Brice—" I am not satisfied at the transfer, and consider myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 3,427. Private J. Byrne—" I enlisted for the East India Company, who required my services no longer, and I wish my discharge."

No. 2,853. Private Michael Hickey—" I did not enlist for the Queen, and I want my discharge."

No. 426. Private Michael Holpie—" I did not enlist to serve Her Majesty, and think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 419. Private P. Lawless—" I am not willing to serve the Queen."

No. 928. Corporal John Monks—"I enlisted for the Company, and as that is dissolved, I claim discharge."

No. 41. Private Edward Crowley—"I enlisted to the Company, and now wish my discharge."

H. Troop.

No. 858. Serjeant Newham—"I think myself liable to discharge, as the Company does not exist."

No. 1,950. Corporal Thomas Coakely—"As the Company is done up, I claim my discharge."

No. 3,713. Private John Lucas—"I want my discharge, as I am not attested to the Queen."

No. 2,701. Private William Easey—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and not to be turned over to the Queen. I claim my discharge."

No. —— Private Thomas Adams—"I am not satisfied with the transfer; I think myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 3,497. Private Michael Smith—"I only enlisted to the Company, and as they don't require my services, I consider myself entitled to my discharge."

No. 3,455. Private Hugh Creeland—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and as that is dissolved, I claim my discharge."

No. 2,772. Private James Kelly—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, who require my services no longer, so I claim my discharge."

No. 3,718. Private Denis Briant—"I want my discharge; I think I am entitled to it."

No. 1,767. Private Patrick Harbison—"I claim my discharge, as I think myself free."

No. 2,836. Private John Taylor—"I don't feel willing to be transferred."

No. 3,431. Private James Wilson—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and I am not satisfied to be transferred."

No. 2,728. Private William Carrigan—"I want my discharge, and I think I am entitled to it."

No. 3,595. Private Thomas M'Elroy—"I enlisted for the Company, and as it is broken up I claim discharge."

No. 3,714. Private Samuel Thompson—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and as there is no Company I claim discharge."

No. 1,476. Private Edward Mullins—"I wish for discharge, as I enlisted for the Company's service."

No. 2,699. Private James Gardiner—"I enlisted for the Company, and I think myself entitled to a discharge."

No. 2,840. Private Michael Filburne—"I enlisted for the Company, and I think myself entitled to a discharge."

No. 2,006. Private Patrick Goonan—"I am not satisfied to be transferred."

No. 2,587. Private Patrick Boyle—"I enlisted for the Company, and as I am not required, I claim my discharge."

No. 3,886. Private William Ford—"I am not satisfied to be transferred."

No. 2,775. Private James Fagan—"I enlisted for the Company only, and claim my discharge."

No. 2,700. Private John M'Donald—"I am not willing to serve the Queen. I claim a discharge."

No. 2,591. Private John Lawler—"I was enlisted for the East India Company, and not to serve any other power."

No. 3,733. Private Andrew Dailey—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."

No. 3,283. Private Frederick Binny—"I enlisted to the East India Company for 14 years, if they require me so long; they don't, and I claim my discharge."

No. 3,716. Private John Williams—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and as they don't require my service, I claim my discharge."

No. 2,623. Private Richard Adams—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and as it broke up, I claim my discharge."

——— Private Richard Baker—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."

No. 3,194. Private William Hadden—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and now claim my discharge."

No. 1,885. Lance Corporal Thomas Madden—"I am not satisfied with the transfer, and I claim my discharge."

No. 3,756. Private Martin Maher—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and I now claim my discharge, as my services are not required."

No. 2,629. Private G. R. Knight—"As the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge."

No. 2,702. Private John Fox—"I enlisted to the Company only, and as that is gone, I think myself entitled to a discharge."

No. 1,518. Private William Moore—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and as the Company no longer exists, I claim my discharge."

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No. 2,952. Private James Kilfoy—"As the Company is done, I think myself entitled to my discharge."
No. 2,835. Private John Miller—"I enlisted for the East India Company; as it's broken up, I claim my discharge."
No. 1,795. Private Arthur Herne—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and as there is no Company, I claim my discharge."
No. 2,886. Private John Haynes—"I want my discharge, as I enlisted to the East India Company."
No. 2,887. Private Richard Holmes—"I am not satisfied with the transfer, and I claim my discharge."
No. 2,039. Private William Hurst—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and claim my discharge."
No. 3,486. Private Joseph Jones—"I claim my discharge, as the Company is broken up."
No. 3,717. Private George Lear—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and don't feel satisfied at being transferred."
No. 3,227. Private George Mosely—"I enlisted to the East India Company, and claim my discharge."

I. Troop.

No. 473. Corporal William Suddett—"I enlisted to the East India Company, which is no more. I wish to claim my discharge."
No. 1,646. Private Charles Sherridan—I enlisted to serve the East India Company, who require my services no longer. I wish to go home."
No. 3,165. Private John Morris—"I consider myself free, as the Company is no more."
No. 1,152. Private Edward Dwyer—"I claim my discharge, as the Company is broken up."
No. 4,107. Private Martin Simmeinte—"I don't wish to serve, now that the Company is no longer."
No. 642. Private Daniel Sullivan—"I claim my discharge, as the Company requires my services no longer."
No. 3,826. Private Charles Sands—"As the Company is dissolved, I think myself free."
No. 1,127. Private Matthew Thomas—"I only enlisted to serve the East India Company."
No. 1,573. Private John Pace—"As the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge."
No. 4,007. Private Michael Meragh—"I enlisted for the Company only, and am now entitled to discharge."
No. 3,469. Private James Douglas—"I think myself a free man now."
No. 804. Private Edward Roberts—"As the Company does not require me, I ask my discharge."
No. 1,464. Private Charles Dickenson—"I enlisted for the Company only, and claim discharge."
No. 3,865. Private Matthew Bell—"I think myself now entitled to a discharge."
No. 4,348. Private Richard Mercer—"I enlisted to the Company, and think myself now free."
No. 803. Private George Wright—"As the Company is broken, I claim my discharge."
No. 604. Private William Wilson—"As the Company is no more, I wish to go home."
No. 2,106. Private Patrick M'Comb—"I don't wish to be transferred."
No. 1,482. Private Patrick Brown, 1st.—"I am not satisfied to be transferred to the Queen."
No. 383. Private Duncan M'Cole—"As the Company is done away with, I think myself free."
No. 4,518. Private Patrick Brown, 2d.—"I should like to go home, as I am not willing to serve the Queen."
No. 1,587. Private John Webb—"As the Company is broken up, I am entitled to my discharge, I think."
No. 1,300. Private James Burfit—"As the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge."
No. 1,448. Private John Collins—"I think myself entitled to a free discharge now."
No. 4,096. Private Dan O'Brien—"I claim to be discharged, and not turned over to the Queen."
No. 4,568. Private John Edwards—"I enlisted under the Company, and don't want to be turned over."
No. 3,798. Private Thomas Shaw—"As the Company is broken up, I think I ought to be broken up too."
No. 565. Private William Morris—"I wish to have a discharge, as I am not enlisted to the Queen."
No. 4,020. Private Patrick Connor, 1st.—"I want a discharge, as the Company is broken up."

No. 4,106. Private John Shewrey—"I don't feel myself justified in serving the Queen."
No. 4,104. Private William Heappy—"I claim to be re-enlisted."
No. 107. Private John Grogan—"I claim a discharge, as the Company is broken up."
No. 3,047. Private Henry Sheppherd—"I have no wish to be transferred; I claim a discharge"
No. 3,869. Private Thomas Evans—"As the Company is broken up, I want a discharge."
No. 4,113. Private John Hilman—"As the Company is broken up, I believe myself entitled to a discharge."
No. 997. Private Patrick Donaghie—"As the Company is broken up, I claim a discharge."
No 2,991. Private Edward Japp—"As there is no East India Company, I should like my discharge."
No 4,482. Private Joseph M'Cauley—"I claim a discharge."
No. 3,864. Private John Booth—"As the Company is broken up, I claim discharge."
No. 1,971. Corporal John Fitzgerald—"I have no objection to be re-enlisted."
No. 3,302. Private John M'Connell—"As the Company is broken up, I consider myself entitled to a discharge."
No. 4,102. Private Frederick Churn—"I am willing to re-enlist on a fresh bounty."
No. 3,872. Private Joseph Docker—"I think myself entitled to my discharge."
No. 4,196. Private R. Collett—"I think myself free, as the Company is broken up."
No. 2,300. Private John Duffey—"I am not willing to be transferred."
No. 3,784. Private T. Morey—"I claim a discharge, as the Company is broken up."
No. 3,062. Private E. Nelson—"I claim a discharge, as the Company is broken up."

A. Troop.

No. 1,029. Private Thomas M'Goverun—"I claim my discharge, as the Company is broken up."
No. 1,648. Private John Power—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company; as that is broken up, I claim a discharge."
No. 1,185. Private George Ranken—"I enlisted for the East India Company, and as that is broken up, I claim a discharge."
No. 3,902. Private Thomas Sloan—"I claim my discharge, as the East India Company is broken up."

D. Troop.

No. 1,595. Private John Barry—"I was sworn to the East India Company, but as it's broken up, I claim a discharge."
No. 1,419. Private John Bristow—"I enlisted for the Company, and as I am turned over to the Queen, I claim my discharge."
No. 3,049. Private John Price—"I wish to get my discharge."
No. 3,857. Private Thomas Quinlan—"I wish to get my discharge; I think I am entitled to it, as the Company is broken up."
No. 1,624. Private William Robson—"I am dissatisfied to serve the Queen, and wish my discharge."
No. 22. Private Joseph Thompson—"Since the Proclamation the Company ceased to exist, and I don't wish to serve Her Majesty."

G. Troop.

No. 667. Corporal John Robinson—"I only enlisted to the East India Company, and claim discharge."
No. 1,900. Private John Hewitt—"I claim a discharge, as the Company does not require my services."
No. 2,237. Private Thomas Holt—"As the East India Company is broken up, I claim a discharge."
No. 2,169. Private Charles Lavin—"As the East India Company is done away, I claim a discharge."
No. 1,893. Private Thomas Langley—"As the East India Company is disannulled and void, I am not willing to be transferred."
No. 2,150. Private M. Macmullen—"As the East India Company is broken up, I claim a discharge."
No. 1,928. Private Thomas M'Keon—"I want to re-enlist."

No. 1,855. Private John Shee—"I claim a discharge as the East India Company does not require my services."

9. No. 1,737. Private Thomas Hakely—"As the Company is broken up I want my discharge."

The Court adjourns at nine o'clock in the morning, to meet at the Artillery mess at half-past five o'clock on Monday morning.

FOURTH DAY.—*Monday*, 16 *May* 1859.

THE Court re-assembles at half-past five o'clock this morning at the Artillery mess.

Read and append (A.) a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Bourchier, C.B., commanding 1st Troop, 2d Brigade, H.A., stating that No. 7,240. Bombardier J. Shine, and No. 6,944, Gunner P. Burne, have voluntarily made request to him that their applications for discharge made to the Court may be cancelled.

Read and append (B.) a return furnished by Captain Macleod, commanding 3d Light Cavalry, showing that 33 non-commissioned officers and 41 privates have expressed themselves satisfied with the transfer of their services.

N.B.—The above list does not include the non-commissioned officers and men, volunteers from Her Majesty's regiment of Cavalry.

Read and append (C.) a return of sick in hospital, 3d Light Cavalry, questioned by Lieutenant and Adjutant D. Wise, showing that there were in hospital five non-commissioned officers and 81 privates dissatisfied with the transfer, besides one corporal and four privates who were not questioned; and three men satisfied and one transfer, who are alluded to above.

The Court proceeds to make inquiry, as before, into the feeling as regards the transfer of men of the artillery, who had not appeared on Thursday morning.

1st TROOP, 2d BRIGADE, HORSE ARTILLERY.

No. 7,006. Corporal A. Hunter—"I am agreeable to complete my 12 years."
No. 8,322. Corporal J. MacFarlane—"I object to the transfer; I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and don't like being turned over without asking my liberty; I think the option of bounty or discharge should be given."
No. 8,307. Gunner Felix Catley—"I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and have served six years; I wish for my discharge, as I would sooner go home."
No. 5,797. Gunner R. Mitchell—"I am not satisfied to be transferred, as I enlisted to serve the East India Company and not the Queen. I have served for nearly 12 years."
No. 7,171. Gunner Brennan—"I enlisted for 12 years to the Company, and as it's done away, I consider I am entitled to my discharge."
No. 9,255. Gunner Thomas Wood—"I acted up to my oath to the East India Company, and as it's done up, I wish to go home."
No. 8,892. Gunner Philip Smith—"I wish to get a free discharge or my re-enlistment."

4th TROOP, 3d BRIGADE, H. A.

No. 9,988. Bombardier Michael Murphy—"I am willing to serve the Queen."
No. 9,974. Corporal T. Greenan—"I'll soldier on."
No. 9,999. Gunner J. Richardson—"I think I am entitled to a bounty."
No. 9,975. Gunner J. Wilkins—"I want my discharge or a bounty, as I enlisted for the Company only."

No. 9,184. Gunner J. Sangton, 1st Troop, 2d Brigade—"I should like to get my discharge as the Company is broken up."

N.B.—The above 12 men from the Hospital Staff of 2d Brigade, H. A.

No. 4,118. Serjeant-Major H. Danny—"I am willing to serve."

From

From your observation of the men, what do you consider the cause of the prevalent dissatisfaction as to the transfer?—*A.* When the order was read in the library that the army was transferred, I heard a remark, "Well, we're done out of our bounty." The men generally think they should get a bounty, and go on as before; I think perhaps a very few would like the opportunity of trying for a discharge.

No. 459. Quartermaster Serjeant Hill—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 7,609. Drill Serjeant B. Ward—"I am satisfied."
No. 707. Acting Roughrider Serjeant Jas. Portsmouth—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 1,041. Orderly-room Clerk William Plummer—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 4,669. Hospital Serjeant T. ———"I am satisfied."
No. 4,446. Farrier Major W. Madgewick—"I am perfectly satisfied."
No. 6,211. Trumpeter Major Jerh. Toomey—"I am willing to serve."
No. 7,352. Drill Corporal Alexander Scott—"I am perfectly satisfied."

1st Troop, 2d Brigade, H. A.

No. 7,322. Corporal D. McKay—"I have no objection."
No. 8,620. Bombardier J. Bowman—"I was not enlisted for the Queen; I prefer my discharge."
No. 6,430. Gunner J. Crosbie—"I have no objection."
No. 7,281. Gunner J. Champion—"I am not satisfied for the transfer, as I have not enlisted to serve the Queen."
No. 7,850. Gunner J. Crotty—"I am not satisfied to be given over to Her Majesty; I want my discharge."
No. 8,910. Gunner R. Cooper—"I wish for my discharge; I was enlisted for the Company, and think myself entitled to it."
No. 9,277. Gunner W. Conner—"I am willing to serve."
No. 8,740. Gunner E. Brock—"I am willing to serve; I am unable however to do my duty since I was wounded at Delhi."
No. 8,167. Gunner W. Campbell—"I wish to go home, as I was enlisted for the East India Company."
No. 6,886. Gunner J. McClusky (a prisoner)—"I never enlisted to serve the Queen, and wish my discharge."
No. 7,866. Gunner P. Hennesy—"I never enlisted to serve the Queen, and want my discharge."
No. 6,630. Gunner O. Murphy (a prisoner)—"I wish to remain as I am."
No. 4,840. Gunner M'Kelly (a prisoner)—"I have no objection to serve, as there is no change."
No. 8595. Gunner Peter Smith (a prisoner)—"I should like to get my discharge. If I have to serve the Queen, I would rather serve her at home than here."
No. 5999. Gunner J. Brien, 4/3 Foot Artillery—"I am willing to serve."
No. 9468. Gunner E. Watson, 4/3 Artillery—"I feel dissatisfied, and wish to get my discharge."

4th Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery.

No. 10,005. Bombardier T. Walsh—"I am willing to remain."
No. 10,003. Bombardier T. Simmonds—"I am satisfied."
No. 10,003. Bombardier W. Simmonds—"I want my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company and think myself free."
No. 9,970. Gunner J. Barrett—"I am willing to complete my service."
No. 9,698. Gunner J. Alcorn—"I wish to get discharge or bounty."
No. 10,007. Gunner J. Weaver—"I wish to take my discharge as I am not attested to the Queen."
No. 10,009. Gunner J. H. Williams—"I should like to re-enlist."
No. 9620. Gunner Gustavus Dalghren—"I should like to take my discharge and go home to my own country, as I am enlisted to the Company only."
No. 9,758. Gunner J. Scott—"I object to the transfer as I did not enlist for the Queen. I should like my choice of bounty or discharge."
Half-pay Trumpeter J. Worrall—"I am perfectly willing to serve."
No. 7,195. Bombardier J. Freeman—"I have no objection."

3d COMPANY, 4th BATTALION.

No. 1,338. Corporal H. Woodward, I am quite satisfied."

There being no more soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces to be questioned, the Court prepare an abstract showing the feelings of the men whose opinions have been ascertained on the subject of their transfer to the Queen, and adjourns at a quarter before Seven o'clock in the morning, until further orders.

M. Smith, Brigadier and President.
J. B. Boileau, Colonel and Member.
S. F. Macmullen, Major and Member.
Jas. T. Young, Captain,
Deputy Judge Advocate General.
C. A. Windham, Major General,
Commanding Lahore Division.

ABSTRACT showing the Feelings of the Men of Her Majesty's Indian Forces at Meean Meer and Fort Lahore, whose Opinions have been ascertained on the subject of their Transfer to the Queen.

	Satisfied.			Dissatisfied.			Total.
	Non-Commissioned Officers.	Privates, Buglers, &c.	Total.	Non-Commissioned Officers.	Privates, Buglers, &c.	Total.	
Staff, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery	9	–	9	–	–	–	9
1st Troop, 2d Brigade, Horse Artillery	17	26	43	4	47	51	94
4th Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery	24	18	42	1	53	54	96
Staff, 4th Battalion, F. A.	6	–	6	–	–	–	6
3d Company, 4th Battalion, F. A.	18	31	49	–	2	2	51
4th Company, 4th Battalion, F. A.	1	–	1	–	–	–	1
4th Company, 3d Battalion, F. A.	–	1	1	–	1	1	2
3d Regiment, Light Cavalry	33	41	74	29	475	504	578
TOTAL	108	117	225	34	578	612	837

Appendix (A.)

(No. 1203.)

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Lahore Division.

Sir, Meean Meer, 13 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the General Officer Commanding the Division, that No. 7,246, Bombardier Thomas Shine, and No. 6,944, Gunner P. Burnes, of my troop, have requested me to solicit that their request for their discharge may be cancelled, as they are perfectly satisfied with their position.

2. The above were stated to me voluntarily this morning.

I have, &c.
G. Bourchier,

Appendix (B.)

NOMINAL ROLL of MEN Satisfied with the present Arrangements of the 3d Light Cavalry.

Meean Meer, 14 May 1859.

Number.	Rank and Names.	Remarks.
	STAFF.	
	Regimental Serjeant Major O'Brien.	
	Quartermaster Serjeant O'Connor, D.	
4,118	Orderly-room Clerk Holyate, James J.	
	A. TROOP.	
3,723	Serjeant Bray, Arthur.	
5. 3,051	Serjeant Stamp, Henry.	
3,642	Serjeant Hayes, John.	
	B. TROOP.	
3,219	Serjeant Heron, James.	
3,731	Serjeant Smith, Thomas.	
3,055	Serjeant Finch, John.	
10. 1,180	Serjeant Tully, Frederick.	
2,967	Corporal Drew, George.	
2,920	Corporal Philpot, John.	
1,695	Private Boucher, William.	
15. 742	Private Healey, Michael.	
3,524	Private M'Shane, Arthur.	
3,646	Private O'Bryan, Michael.	
3,065	Private Passeway, Thomas.	
1,324	Private Sullivan, Florence.	
2,801	Private Weston, William.	
20. 815	Private Goddard, Daniel.	
	C. TROOP.	
1,304	Troop Serjeant Major O'Sullivan.	
	D. TROOP.	
2,930	Troop Serjeant Major Hodges, Thomas.	
	E. TROOP.	
631	Troop Serjeant Major James, Edward.	
147	Serjeant Allnath, David.	
25. 4,116	Serjeant Harrington, John.	
135	Corporal Porter, George.	
476	Corporal Prince, Thomas.	
582	Private Charlton, Samuel.	
477	Private M'Criet, Richard.	
30. 577	Private Wist, Charles.	
307	Private Pike, William.	
258	Private Carroll, Samuel.	
	F. TROOP.	
235	Troop Serjeant Major Shepherd, Charles.	
4,097	Serjeant J. Claydon.	
831	Serjeant Bennetts, Charles.	
618	Corporal Simons, Alfred.	
	G. TROOP.	
3,343	Troop Serjeant Major Brown, John.	
1,768	Serjeant Hughes, Edward.	
1,113	Serjeant Winkworth, Charles.	
40. 1,890	Serjeant Pollock, Thomas.	
1,904	Corporal Dixon, Henry.	
1,751	Corporal Hanaly, Williams.	
2,920	Private Openshaw, Herbert.	
1,896	Private Hogan, Francis.	
45. 2,519	Private King, George.	
2,115	Private Kinsilla, David.	
2,185	Private Kemp, Joseph.	
2,482	Private Kennely, David.	
1,832	Private M'Lean, John.	
50. 2,141	Private Martin, John.	
1,866	Private Nelis, John.	
1,928	Private M'Pherson, Thomas.	
1,768	Private Smith, Lake.	
1,325	Private Sherridan, Thomas.	
55. 1,755	Private Walkley, Henry.	
1,834	Private Quinlain, Michael.	
1,899	Private Farrient, Richards.	
2,553	Private Stephenson, John.	
2,321	Private Scott, Robert.	
	H. TROOP.	
60. 2,904	Serjeant Walker, Charles.	
3,903	Serjeant M'Master, Joseph.	
876	Serjeant M'Ardle, Hugh.	
2,804	Private Adamson, John.	
3,749	Private Campbell, William.	
65. 2,994	Private Radford, John.	
1,925	Private Coroners, John.	
2,629	Private Folley Edwards.	
1,764	Private Fitzharris, William.	
3,386	Private Mackey, Laurence.	
70. 2,787	Private Smith, Henry.	70
	I. TROOP.	
336	Serjeant Burdon, William.	
3,920	Private M'Avitt, Alexander - -	Satisfied.
3,598	Private Grigg, Joseph - -	„ B.
3,049	Private Pierce, James - -	„ I.

R. B. M'Leod, Captain,
Commanding 3d Light Cavalry.

D. W. Wise, Lieutenant,
Adjutant 3d Light Cavalry.

Appendix (C)

NOMINAL ROLL of MEN of the 3d Light Cavalry, Sick in Hospital.

Meean Meer, 13 May 1859.

No.	Rank and Names.	REMARKS.
3,115	Serjeant Fraser, Michael.	Wants to be re-enlisted.
2,814	Private Allen, William	Wants his discharge.
3,737	Private Barlow, John	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
3,121	Private Balty, James	Thinks himself entitled to discharge or re-enlistment.
3,106	Private Callaghan, Patrick.	—
3,550	Private Collins, Samuel	Wants his discharge.
2,147	Private Conway, Michael.	Wants his discharge.
2,302	Private Doubleday, John.	Wants his discharge.
3,120	Private Donelly, Patrick.	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
3,042	Private Hayes, Thomas.	Thinks himself entitled to his discharge.
3,920	Private M'Avitt, Alexander.	Satisfied.
2,870	Private Murphy, Michael.	Wants his discharge.
3,554	Private Nuttal, John	Wants to be re-enlisted.
1,428	Private Stanley, John	Wants his discharge.
2,880	Private William, John	Thinks himself entitled to discharge or re-enlistment.
61	Private Shain, William.	- - ditto.
	B. TROOP.	
3,250	Corporal Hargrove -	Wants his discharge.
3,043	Private Dashwood, Arthur.	Wants his discharge.
3,594	Private Gregg, Joseph	Satisfied.
3,222	Private Greave, William.	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
1,603	Private Johnston, John	Wants to be re-enlisted.
3,524	Private Sloam, William.	— —
3,508	Private Walkden, James.	Wants his discharge or to be re-enlisted.
3,524	Private M'Shane, Arthur.	Considers himself entitled to his discharge.
	C. TROOP.	
478	Private Byrne, John	Considers himself entitled to his discharge.
741	Private Colbert, James	- - ditto.
3,371	Private Edwards, Joseph.	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
3,856	Private Connors, Michael.	Claims his discharge.
965	Private M'Gann, Patrick.	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
1,670	Private M'Kenzie, John.	Wants to be re-enlisted or discharge.
2,908	Private Jones, John	Wants his discharge.
3,167	Private Porter, Jazeb	Wants to be re-enlisted or discharge.
1,420	Private Ward, Michael.	Claims discharge.
	D. TROOP.	
3,729	Serjeant Thomas. Stallard.	Wants his discharge.
2,834	Serjeant John Evans	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
346	Serjeant Wm. Hunt	- - ditto.
3,849	Private Burke, James	Wants his discharge.
3,743	Private Appley, David	Wants his discharge.
3,714	Private M'Connell, John	Claims his discharge.
3,975	Private Ambrose, James.	Wants his discharge.
2,913	Private Owen, John	Wants his discharge.
3,537	Private Schofield, Jazeb	Wants his discharge.

No.	Rank and Names.	Remarks.
	E. Troop.	
587	Private Clayton, John.	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
298	Private Devlin, James	- - ditto.
714	Private Green, Ralph	- - ditto.
443	Private Monaghan, Henry.	Thinks himself entitled to his discharge.
1,371	Private Robinson, Charles.	—
187	Private Lucas, Christopher.	Wishes for his discharge.
	F. Troop.	
260	Corporal Cavanagh, John.	—
258	Private Holt, Henry	Wants his discharge or to be re-enlisted.
3,982	Private Kelly, Michael	Wants his discharge.
3,125	Private M'Carthy, Timothy.	Wants his discharge.
100	Private M'Gowan, Frank.	Wants his discharge.
431	Private Seaton, James	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
2,227	Private Quirk, John	Wants his discharge.
,400	Private Lynch, Patrick	- - ditto.
,020	Private Thorpe, John	Volunteer from Military Train.
256	Private Smith, Samuel.	Wants himself enlisted or to be discharged.
	G. Troop.	
,945	Private Ganes, John	Wants his discharge.
,095	Private Gordon, Thomas.	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
,020	Private Guilfoyle, Daniel.	Wishes his discharge.
,132	Private Gilbert, Frederick.	- - ditto.
,771	Private Hughes, William.	Wants to be re-enlisted.
,881	Private Johnston, Richard.	Wants his discharge.
,858	Private Kilpatrick, Samuel.	- - ditto.
,961	Private Lany, Michael.	Wants his discharge or re-enlistment.
,363	Private Long, Isaac	- - ditto.

No.	Rank and Names.	Remarks.
1,959	Private McCarthy, Nicholas.	Thinks himself entitled to his discharge.
2,476	Private Carter, William.	Wants to be re-enlisted.
2,440	Private Edwards, Jeremiah.	Wants his discharge or re-enlisted.
1,567	Private Smith, Michael.	- - ditto.
1,522	Private Thompson, John.	Wants his discharge or the bounty.
1,521	Private Wade, George	- - ditto.
	H. Troop.	
2,727	Private Delaney, Philip.	Wants to be re-enlisted.
3,490	Private Easton, Robert.	Thinks himself entitled to free discharge.
2,844	Private Knight, Thomas.	Wants to be re-enlisted.
3,603	Private Love, William.	Wants his discharge or to be re-enlisted.
2,588	Private Murphy, James.	Wants his discharge.
2,835	Private Miller, John	Wants his discharge.
3,192	Private Moore, William.	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
2,754	Private Reid, Frederick.	Wants his discharge.
2,134	Private Smith, John	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
2,838	Private Tatton, John.	Wants his discharge.
2,834	Private Woodhale, Paul.	Thinks himself entitled to discharge.
	I. Troop.	
	Private Connors, Patrick.	—
2,914	Private Sallon, John	Wants his discharge.
3,049	Private Price, James	Satisfied.
	Private Hill, Hugh -	Wants his discharge if he can get it.
86	Private Wood, William.	Claims his discharge.
1,925	Private Connors, James.	Wants his discharge.
382	Private Lawler, Thomas.	Claims his discharge.

Davis W. Wise, Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 3d Light Cavalry.

Enclosure 14, in No. 11.

Encl. 14, in No. 11. From *Brigadier Stuart*, C. B., Commanding at Morar, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Morar, 14 May 1859.

Sir,

WITH reference to my former letters on the painful subject of the discontent manifested by the troops lately in the service of the Honourable the East India Company, I have the honour to forward to you, to be submitted to his Excellency Lord Clyde, memorials as per margin, from the men of the 3d Bengal European Regiment. I thought it for the good of the service to explain to the men personally that any grievance they supposed they had, submitted in a respectful and soldier-like manner, through the captains of their companies, would be received and forwarded by me in the usual manner to higher authority. I have taken the liberty of sending these three direct to you, for submission to his Lordship, as Brigadier General, Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., commanding the Gwalior Division, is still in the field, in the Seronge jungles, carrying on operations against Ferozeshah and the Rao Sahib, which deviation from the rules of the service I trust will be pardoned, considering the grave nature of the unfortunate circumstances I have had to report on, and which I thought it incumbent on me to bring to his Lordship's notice with as little delay as possible. Many more memorials have been forwarded to me, which shall be transmitted in due course through the division; but these that I now send, express generally the grievances of all. I beg respectfully to call attention to a part of a speech, quoted in two memorials sent, imputed to Lord Palmerston, on which many of the men ground their present claims. I hope, as an old soldier, I may be excused for remarking, that this is not the first instance in which I have known speeches in Parliament have had a bad effect on the discipline of the army. The regiment continues respectful to their officers, and turns out for morning and evening roll-calls, and for duty; but only about 60 men will turn out for parade. The company detached at Goona perform all their duties as usual.

Private Gorman and Drummer Muson, No. 7. Private John Kean, No. 5. Private Ewing, No. 8.

I have, &c.
C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade Gwalior Division.

To Lieutenant *E. Wimberley*, Adjutant 3d European Regiment, Morar.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward a petition presented to me by Regimental No. 889, Private William Ewing, of the 8th Company, and attached to the Light Company under my charge, containing a statement of his grievances and complaints. I also forward a list of the men of the Light Company who desire the above petition to be considered a full statement of their grievances and complaints.

I have, &c.
A. H. Thompson, Lieutenant,
in Charge Light Company, 3d European Regiment.

Morar,
Gwalior, 13 May 1859.

REGIMENTAL No. 889, Private *William Ewing*, of the Light Company, 3d European Regiment, begs respectfully to submit the following Petition to his Lordship, the Commander-in-Chief in India.

The Petition of the above named Man,

Humbly showeth,

THAT your petitioner feels aggrieved by the proposed transfer to Her Majesty of England (as so much Indian stock) his services, person, &c., contrary to his engagement, and without his consent.

The grounds upon which your petitioner founds his claim to discharge from the service are as follow:

He, the petitioner, enlisted for the service of the East India Company exclusively. This is incontrovertible. The attestation of your petitioner proves it. No Company's soldier (at all events, since the introduction of the attestation which limits service to the East India Company) contemplated the possibility of his transfer to another and distinct service upon the expiry of his contracted service without his consent or agreement. The service agreed upon by your petitioner with the East India Company was limited in the attestation itself to the duration of the East India Company as the Government of India. This is expressly asserted in para. 8 of the attestation, where such a contingency as the dissolution of the East India Company is provided for in a very distinct and separate proviso. The paragraph alluded to is as follows:—

8. "Are you willing to be attested to serve in the East India Company's Infantry for the period of 10 years, provided the said Company should so long require your services?"

Again,

Again, the pocket ledger supplied to the Company's soldiers for their instruction and guidance, distinctly states, that "Private Wm. Ewing was enlisted for the East India Company's Infantry, on, &c." They are told what reward the East India Company will confer on deserving soldiers; what the East India Company require from them; but Her Majesty of England is not once referred to as having any claim on men for service, further than that Sovereign has upon all Her subjects.

The services of Her Britannic Majesty, and of the East India Company, were perfectly distinct, and had nothing in common.

The oath of fidelity taken by the Company's recruits bound them to be faithful to their employer, the East India Company. This oath is omitted, and para. 8, above referred to, altered in the new attestation, which alteration proves the insufficiency of the old ones.

The oath of allegiance prohibited them from bearing arms against Her Britannic Majesty, nothing more.

Your petitioner never was made acquainted with the circumstance, that after serving the East India Company for a certain period, he was then to commence to serve Her Majesty of England. This being the case, your petitioner considers that by the dissolution of the Company, and consequently, the "said Company" no longer requiring his services, his agreement is fulfilled, and the service agreed upon between him and the East India Company performed faithfully and well, and that there is no further claim upon him, and that the new Government of India never had such a claim.

Your petitioner begs respectfully to refer your Lordship to the statement of Lord Palmerston, then head of Her Majesty's Government, that "Any soldier who did not choose to come under the new regulations, would, of course, be entitled to his discharge;" and further, to the published opinion of the Judge Advocate General, that "Transfers from the East India Company's service to that of Her Majesty were illegal, on account of the difference in the attestations."

Your petitioner, therefore, humbly and earnestly prays your Lordship to forward this his claim for free discharge to the Government of India for their consideration; and, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

Fort of Gwalior, 12 May 1859.

To Captain *Ross*, in Command of the Detachment 3d European Regiment, Bengal.

The humble Petition of *John Kean*, now serving as a Private in the above Regiment,

Humbly showeth,

UNDER the assurance that it will not be used in any way against him in future, that on the 1st of December 1853, in Delahay-street, Westminster, London, in company with his brother, Robert Kean, now serving as corporal in the 6th European Regiment, did offer themselves as recruits to the non-commissioned officers of Her Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot, and was then and there rejected as totally unfit for Her Majesty's service, not being tall enough by one inch; that your petitioner then enlisted in the late East India Company's service, and has continued to do his duty till the present moment, notwithstanding the said Company ceased to exist on the 30th of last August. The agreement with the above Company was as follows: to serve for 10 years, or 12 if required, or any part of such term as the said Company should require his services. How can that body, now they are no more, require him any longer; such a thing is impossible, without a fresh enlistment; and your petitioner most humbly and respectfully states, it is repugnant to his feelings, both as a man and a British subject, to be compelled to enter any service that had once rejected him, without his own consent being asked and given; and your petitioner takes the present opportunity of stating, that he intends to act with the utmost fidelity on any post or trust where he may be placed, and begs most respectfully to return his most sincere and grateful thanks to Captain Ross, for his uniform kindness and urbanity on all occasions towards himself and his brother Robert Kean. Your petitioner further begs, most humbly to add the following extract from Viscount Palmerston's speech, on his first introducing the Indian Bill in the House of Commons; his words were as follows: "Should any of the European troops in the Company's service not choose to remain in possession of all rights, benefits, and privileges to which they are entitled by their enlistment, they are, as a matter of course, entitled to their free discharge." Sir, this was not as a gift, but as a right. I will, with permission, add one more extract taken from the East India Military Gazette, published in the month of May 1853, at the time when the charter was about to be taken from them. Before after carefully studying the case in all its bearings, the editor sums up thus; "Should it ever at any future time, in the annals of British history, occur, that this Company should lose their charter, from the highest General in the Company's service, to the lowest sepoy drummer boy, must be re-enlisted again, or sent about their business." This gentleman was at the time writing on behalf of the Company, and their pointing out to the Government the effect it would have upon the army, was the sole cause of the charter being renewed. I beg to state, that I could adduce numbers of other arguments in favour of my re-enlistment or discharge, which are here unnecessary, and would only be too tedious. I now conclude, and remain, &c.

John Kean,
No. 743, No. 5 Company, 3d European Bengal Regiment.

No. 7 Company, 3d European Bengal Regiment.

STATEMENT of Regimental No. 518, Private *James Gorman.*

I ENLISTED in 1853, for the Honourable East India Company's service, for a period of 10 years, or 12, if the said Company required my service. The Honourable East India Company having now been abolished, I am of opinion that I am now entitled to my choice of re-enlistment in the Queen's service, or to my discharge. I complain of the manner in which I have been transferred without my consent, and am of opinion that the oath I took on my enlistment is not binding on me now.

STATEMENT of Regimental No. 463, Drummer *Boyd Munn.*

I ENLISTED in 1853, in the Honourable East India Company's service, for a period of 10 years, or 12, if the said Company should require my services for that further period. The said Company is now extinct, and I am of opinion that I am not a soldier under Her Majesty until such time as I am re-attested, and I therefore think that I am either entitled to my discharge, or to a fresh bounty to serve Her Majesty. I consider that the oath I took to the Honourable East India Company is not binding upon me now, and I feel aggrieved at being given over without my consent or my permission being asked.

THE above complaints were made to me, and written down by me as spoken by the men.

G. A. Owen, Ensign,
In Charge of No. 7 Company.

Morar, Gwalior, 13 May 1859.

To the Brigadier Commanding Gwalior Division.

Sir,

THE case I beg to submit for your perusal is as follows:—"I, the undersigned, engaged on the 31st May 1856, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12 years, should the said Honourable East India Company so long require my services, which I was quite willing to do; but having had a Proclamation read out to me, stating that the Honourable East India Company is totally abolished, I, of course, consider that my engagement terminates at the dissolution of that body, therefore I consider myself entitled to a re-enlistment or my discharge. I am quite willing to serve in Her Majesty's service, providing that I am re-attested, or get a bounty for volunteering to that service in an honourable manner. I, as an Englishman, am a free man, so that I cannot be turned over to another employer without my own consent, or I am no more a free man than the serfs of Russia, which have no voice in the disposal of themselves; therefore, I trust that you will take my case into consideration, and forward my case to higher authority, and I shall, as in duty bound, for ever pray.

"I have, &c.
"Regimental No. 1,132, Private *Edward Martin*,
"No. 7 Company, 3d European Bengal Regiment."

Morar Cantonment, Gwalior,
12 May 1859.

(No. 400.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, in continuation.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating A^t. Genl. of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Simla, 21 May 1859.

Enclosure 15, in No. 11.

(No. 439.)

Encl. 15, in No. 11. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I AM directed to report, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, that it has come to the knowledge of the Commander in Chief, owing to a petition received by his Excellency, that the feeling of dissatisfaction at their recent transfer to the immediate service of the Crown prevails amongst some of the men of the 1st Bengal Fusiliers, stationed at Dugshai.

2. Lord Clyde has accordingly ordered the assembly of a Special Court of Inquiry at that place, to investigate and record such complaints as the men may desire to prefer.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
26 May 1859.

Enclosure 16, in No. 11.

Encl. 16, in No. 11.

(Confidential. No. 1.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Calcutta.

Sir, Hazareebagh, 26 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying statement made by the Rev. Father Camillus, Roman Catholic priest at this station, who has behaved exceedingly well throughout, and whose excellent conduct I beg may be brought prominently before Government.

2. He has throughout done his duty as becomes his position, and has never lost an opportunity of keeping me well informed on points to which I could never have had access without his assistance.

3. The accompanying statement is in original, signed by Father Camillus, and the contents were carefully read over and examined by him before he attached his signature.

4. The presence of the Rev. Father Josaphat at this station is fraught with so much danger, that I earnestly beg he may be removed as soon as possible.

I have, &c.
F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commanding at Hazareebagh.

Enclosure 17, in No. 11.

Encl. 17, in No. 11.

I, CAMILLUS, Roman Catholic Chaplain at Hazareebagh, being a minister of God, do consider it my bounden duty to bring to the notice of Captain F. T. Wroughton, commanding at Hazareebagh, the following circumstances connected with the conduct of Father Josaphat, late Roman Catholic priest of this place. I make the following disclosures: Firstly, because I consider that I owe it to God, and the Government I serve, to do so; secondly, for the protection of the public peace; and thirdly, because I think that Father Josaphat is weak in his intellect, and that for his own sake he should be removed to a secure place, where his failing can bring about no mischief. It is in consequence of the following circumstances that I make this statement.

On Sunday, the 15th May, in a conversation with the soldiers, who informed him (Father Josaphat) of the mutiny that took place that afternoon, he said in my presence, "Well, what did the commanding officer say to you?" The soldiers replied, "He pardoned us." Father Josaphat then said, "Of course, that is right, because he has no power to do anything else. You should all go back to Europe, because you have been sworn only to serve the East India Company, and not the Queen's Government." This is all I heard on that day, as I had only just joined the party at the end of the conversation at which these words were uttered. Again, on Sunday the 22d, when we were together, and some soldiers were standing round, Father Josaphat turning to me, said, "I pity these young people; they are truly slaves; the officers are doing with them what they like, and they cannot get any justice from them." These words were uttered in my presence; and from other conversation that has passed between us, I am sure he is in the habit of sowing the seeds of sedition and discontent among the soldiery, inculcating into their minds total want of respect for their officers, and the military authorities in general. I therefore consider that any man who can publish such sentiments as Father Josaphat does, and backing them with the weight of religion, is of insane mind, and I therefore beg, for the welfare of the State, that he be at once removed from Hazareebagh.

F. Camillus,
Roman Catholic Priest.

THIS statement was made and signed in my presence this day.

F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commanding at Hazareebagh.

Hazareebagh, 26 May 1859.

CERTIFIED, that the above statement was made by the Rev. Father Camillus, in my presence; it was read over to him, and he thoroughly understood the tenor of the same when he attached his signature, also in my presence.

Gilbert J. Pasley, Lieutenant,
Hazareebagh, 26 May 1859. Station Staff.

Enclosure 18, in No. 11.

Encl. 18, in No. 11.

MINUTE of COUNCIL.

(No. 1381.)

Military Department, 30 May 1859.

READ confidential letter from officer commanding at Hazareebagh, No. 1, of 26 May 1859, with its enclosure, relating to the conduct of Father Josaphat, a Roman Catholic priest, not now in Government employ, but residing at the station, and who appears to have been doing much mischief amongst the European soldiers, and inciting them to resist the authority of their officers in the present state of excitement, in regard to the transfer of their services to the Crown.

Ordered, that a copy of the above be transmitted to the Home Department, with a request that measures may be taken for the immediate removal of Father Josaphat from the station of Hazareebagh.

Enclosure 19, in No. 11.

Encl. 19, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2138.)

From Saugor, *viâ* Jubbulpore, 26 May.—From Major General *Whitlock*.
To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch*.

23 May.—ALL quiet in this division.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
26 May 1859.

Enclosure 20, in No. 11.

Encl. 20, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2191.)

From Lucknow.—Brigadier *Chute* to Secretary to Government, Military Department.

26 May, 6 p. m.—TROOPS orderly.

Electric Telegraph Department,
26 May 1859.

Enclosure 21, in No. 11.

Encl. 21, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2232.)

From Saugor, *viâ* Jubbulpore, 27 May.—From Major General *Whitlock*.
To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch*.

24 May.—ALL so quiet that unless something unexpected occurs, I shall not telegraph again.

Electric Telegraph Department,
27 May 1859.

Enclosure 22, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2283.)

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*. Encl. 22, in No. 11.
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

27 May, 6 p.m.—TROOPS regular.

Electric Telegraph Department,
27 May 1859.

Enclosure 23, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2386.)

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*. Encl. 23, in No. 11.
To Calcutta.— To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

28 May, 6 p.m.—TROOPS orderly.

ElectricTelegraph Department,
28 May 1859.

Enclosure 24, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2449.)

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*. Encl. 24, in No. 11.
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

29 May, 6 p.m.—TROOPS tranquil.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
29 May 1859.

Enclosure 25, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2581.)

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*. Encl. 25, in No. 11.
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

30 May, 6 p.m.—TROOPS orderly.

Electric Telegraph Department,
31 May 1859.

Enclosure 26, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2577.) Encl. 26, in No. 11.

From Allahabad, 30th May.—From Captain *Faddy*, Officiating Military Secretary.
To Calcutta.—To the Military Secretary to Government of India.

BRIGADIER M'DUFF, in a telegram dated Jubbulpore, the 26th May, states as follows: "Order is thoroughly restored in the 3d Madras European Regiment. All duties proceed as heretofore."

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
31 May 1859.

Enclosure 27, in No. 11.

Encl. 27, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 2495.)

From Jubbulpore, 30th May, 8 a.m.—From Brigadier *M'Donald.*
To Calcutta, Bengal.—To General *Birch.*

ALL symptoms of dissatisfaction have ceased in the 3d Madras European Regiment; the men perform their duties cheerfully. No further telegraph message will be necessary.

Enclosure 28, in No. 11.

Encl. 28, in No. 11.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 154.)

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute.*
To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p.m.; 1 June.—Troops regular.

Enclosure 29, in No. 11.

Encl. 29, in No. 11.

Message to be sent by Telegraph.

(No. 24.)

From Calcutta, 2d June 1859.—From Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.
To Bombay and Madras.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN Bengal courts of inquiry are sitting at several stations to ascertain from the European soldiers of the East India Company's late forces, individually, the reasons of their discontent at their having become soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces.

The Governor General in Council would suggest to the Government of $\frac{\text{Fort St. George}}{\text{Bombay}}$ the expediency of convening courts of inquiry for the same purpose, at any station, when similar discontent may show itself in the regiments of Her Majesty's Indian forces in Madras and Bombay. His Lordship in Council desires to leave it entirely to the Government of $\frac{\text{Fort St. George}}{\text{Bombay}}$ to judge whether the measure suggested is called for by circumstances; but should any such inquiry be held, it is requested that the proceedings may be transmitted to this department, to be reported to the Secretary of State by the Government of India.

Enclosure 30, in No. 11.

Encl. 30, in No. 11.

IN continuation of the Fourth Day's Proceedings of the SPECIAL COURT OF INQUIRY assembled at *Meerut* on the 9th, and despatched on the 26th May 1859.

Gunner *W. Moffit,* 29th Complainant.

Gunner William Moffit, a native of Paisley, by trade a dyer, attested in Glasgow on the 4th July 1857, is called into court and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel grieved at the way I have been handed over from the service of the Company to that of the Queen without being consulted.

You know that you were handed over, as you say, by an Act of Parliament, and that all your rights and privileges were secured to you; have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, from being transferred?—I know all this, and I don't mean to say that I have suffered in any way except by being handed over without being consulted.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No; no other grievance whatever, only the way we have been handed over.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—I wish for my discharge; but I don't know whether I'd go home or re-enlist, if I get the option.

[Withdraws.

There being no more men of the troop in attendance, the Court adjourns at half-past 3 p.m. till 11 a.m. to-morrow.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, *Friday*, 13 *May* 1859.

THE Court re-assemble at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment:—All present, as yesterday.

Gunner *O. Murphy*, 30th Complainant.

Gunner O. Murphy, a native of Wexford, by trade a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 10th April 1858, is called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel dissatisfied at being a soldier of Her Majesty, not having been attested for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes; I took the oath of allegiance; I took the whole of this oath.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of the Queen, instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, I havn't suffered in any way; I don't get less pay, nor am I called on for more duty; I havn't the slightest objection to soldier under Her Majesty, provided I get a fresh enlistment and fresh bounty, and my grievance is not having got this; I have nothing else to complain of.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *C. Naine*, 31st Complainant.

Gunner C. Naine, a native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a clerk by trade, attested at Liverpool on the 8th November 1856, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and as the service is done away with, and no more, I don't see that I'm to be handed over to the Queen without my consent.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Look at this oath, and say if this is the same that you took when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes, sir, I took this oath of allegiance, and the rest of it, both parts.

Don't you know that there is no change whatever in your position; you are just the same now as you were before, only you are called a soldier of the Queen instead of a soldier of the Company. Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—Yes; I know this, that I am at present the same, havn't suff ered in any way, but I can't say that I may do.

(*The clause of the Act of Parliament, making over the army of the Company to the Crown, is here read and explained to the Complainant.*)

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—That's all, sir.

What's your wish or object in making this complaint?—To get a fresh enlistment.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *M. J. G. Orban*, 32d Complainant.

Gunner M. J. G. Orban, a native of Lymington, in Hampshire, no trade, attested at Westminster on the 19th November 1857, being called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have a claim to make, sir, for my discharge; I agreed to serve a company of merchants, and that company having ceased to exist, I cannot see how any power can have any claim on me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Look at this oath, and say if you remember taking this when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty; I havn't a distinct recollection taking the latter part of this oath or not.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—Most decidedly, sir, by having my liberty taken from me.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—I havn't anything else, except about two articles that appeared in the "Moffusulite and Delhi Gazette," very detrimental, and I wish to know if I'm at liberty to answer them.

(*The Complainant is informed that the Court has nothing to do with the matter, and if he has any representation to make regarding it, he should apply to the officer commanding the troop.*)

What is your present object?—I want to get my discharge; I don't want to re-enlist.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *P. Parle*, 33d Complainant.

Gunner P. Parle, a native of Wexford, by trade a labourer, attested at Wexford on the 30th of June 1852, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I am aggrieved at being handed over to the Queen in the way I have been, without being asked, when I 'listed for the Company only.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, being made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Well, then, what do you particularly complain of?—Why, sir, what I complain of is, that I 'listed for the Company's Artillery, and don't see why I should be made to serve the Queen without a fresh enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir. (*The Complainant cannot read or write.*) I took the oath of allegiance, and to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—Why, sir, I don't doubt for a moment that if there was a fresh enlistment I might enlist again.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, no more.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *C. Platt*, 34th Complainant.

Gunner C. Platt, a native of Middleton, in Lancashire, by trade an engine driver, attested at Plymouth on the 24th February 1857, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir, I feel aggrieved at being handed over to Her Majesty when I 'listed for the Company only.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I did take the oath of allegiance; I can't distinctly remember taking this oath; I took the oath to the Company.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being taken into the service of Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Then what do you particularly complain of in the change?—Being given over to Her Majesty without being re-enlisted again.

What is your present object or wish?—I want to get my discharge, and go home.

Have you any other complaint to make?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Paul*, 35th Complainant.

Gunner J. Paul, a native of Glasgow, by trade a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 6th December 1856, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I 'listed, I 'listed to serve the East India Company, so when that Company is no more, I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required; there was nothing about serving Her Majesty in it.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, sir, not at all.

Then what is it that you particularly complain of?—I feel aggrieved at being given over to Her Majesty without my consent.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, none.

What is your particular object in complaining now?—To get fresh bounty or free discharge.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *H. Perrott*, 36th Complainant.

Gunner H. Perrott, a native of Morton, in Wiltshire, by trade a farmer, attested in London on the 29th November 1856, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I 'listed I 'listed for the East India Company, and I hear it's done away with, and I should like to get my discharge, which I think I am entitled to, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is. (*The Complainant here hands in his attestation paper, the duplicate, which is examined by the Court, and is found to be an exact counterpart of that given in by Gunner Winther, Appendix C.*)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I took the oath of allegiance; I took no oath to serve Her Majesty; I only swore to serve the Company.

Have you suffered, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, sir, just the same, everything that I've seen, and if I had 'listed to serve Her Majesty I should have expected to do so. My opinion is, that I am entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd take it and go home, and if things turn out as I'd expect, I wouldn't come out again.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir; no other.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Purcell*, 37th Complainant.

Gunner T. Purcell, a native of Carlow, in Ireland, no trade, attested at Carlow, on the 12th February 1852, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I 'listed, sir, I distinctly understood that I 'listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, and I did not enlist to serve any other power whatever, and at present I consider myself bound under no oath whatever.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I couldn't be positive whether I took the oath of allegiance or not, but to the best of my belief I did not; but I don't consider that the oath of allegiance binds me at all, but I'm willing to serve Her Majesty as well as any other faithful subject.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being now called a soldier of Her Majesty, instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, sir, I don't think Her Majesty's service in any respect worse than the Company's service.

Then what is it that you consider a particular hardship in the matter?—The way in which we were handed over; I consider it unworthy the Government of England, the way in which they handed over the late Company's troops.

What is your object or wish now?—I couldn't say; when I get my freedom I shall be able to tell; I look for justice as well as anything else.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing else; but I consider it very unfair of Government to pass an Act of Parliament to render void my oath.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Reid*, 38th Complainant.

Gunner J. Reid (3d), a native of Newcastle, in Northumberland, by trade a stoker, attested at Westmeath, on the — July 1856, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, when I 'listed I 'listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, and now that Her Majesty has taken the country over, I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested (*the Complainant cannot read*)?—I took one to serve the East India Company; no other.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called now a soldier of Her Majesty instead of a soldier of the Company?—Well, sir, I'm getting more pay now at present, but I'd like to have my rights.

And what would you consider your rights?—Well, sir, I consider my discharge my right.

What would you do if you had the option of discharge given you?—I can't give a decided answer upon that.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Rainsford*, 39th Complainant.

Gunner J. Rainsford, a native of Haughton, in Lancashire, by trade a labourer, attested in Liverpool on the 31st December 1855, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—All the complaint I have to make is about being turned over to the Crown without re-enlistment, or something. I didn't 'list to serve the Crown, I 'listed to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this—(*The oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I didn't take the oath to serve Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; I took an oath to serve the Company, and his heirs and successors; but I don't well remember that I took any oath at all.

You are not a bit worse off in any way are you, now that you are serving Her Majesty?—No, we get a little more pay now, and no worse off in any way; it makes no difference to me, but I'd like to be re-enlisted over again, if I'm to serve the Queen. I 'listed in the Infantry first, but was transferred at Warley, by my own consent, to the Artillery, on a fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *D. Rooney*, 40th Complainant.

Gunner D. Rooney, a native of Glasgow, by trade a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the — November 1855, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I 'listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, and there has been an Act of Parliament passed since, that I am to serve Her Majesty, and I feel aggrieved; I don't feel satisfied.

Have you your attestation paper?—No.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, sir, that's not the oath that I took; the oath I took was to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, if required, and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty, instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, sir, not the least.

Well, then, what is the particular hardship you consider yourself to be labouring under?—Why, sir, I don't see that I've any right to be a soldier, as I never 'listed for Her Majesty; I'm not bound.

What is your wish or object now in complaining?—My object is, that I should either get a re-enlistment or discharge, one or the other.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—Nothing, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *S. Robinson*, 41st Complainant.

Gunner S. Robinson, a native of Beverley, in Yorkshire, by trade a clerk, attested in London on the 7th April 1858, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I 'listed in London last year, I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required, and when they ceased to hold power, I consider their claim on me ceased also.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have not, with me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, sir, this is not the oath that I took; I don't remember that; I took the oath of allegiance; the only mention of Her Majesty when I was attested was, that the magistrate asked me if I had formerly belonged to Her Majesty's army.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty now, instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, there is no difference since I entered the service, nor do I expect to suffer in any way.

Well, what do you consider so hard then?—By taking an oath for one, and being obliged to serve another.

What is your object or wish now?—I wish to have my choice of re-enlisting, but I'm not decided what to do in this case.

Have you any other grievance?—I have not, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *H. Strickland*, 42d Complainant.

Gunner H. Strickland, a native of Wexford, by trade a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 26th January 1849, is called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make, except what you asked me the other morning about enlisting; it makes very little difference to me, and I should have said nothing about it if I hadn't been asked, as I shall be able to get my discharge in 16 or 17 months any how; but I 'listed for the East India Company, and not for Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, it was mislaid at Delhi.

Have you any other complaint?—No, none at all; and I shouldn't have come forward at all in this if you hadn't asked me.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Sharpe*, 43d Complainant.

Gunner J. Sharpe, a native of Clackmannan, by trade a grocer, attested at Glasgow on the 21st May 1854, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is about serving Her Majesty; I feel aggrieved at the way I've been turned over from the Company to the Crown.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182 and 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No; I couldn't swear whether I took that oath or not.

You are aware that you are the same now in every respect as when you were a soldier of the Company?—No, I am not aware of that; but when I first enlisted, I 'listed to serve the Infantry, and afterwards at Warley, where I changed to the Artillery, I got a fresh enlistment shilling, and I was told I lost my former service, and I think I ought to have been enlisted again when the Company was done away with. I don't see that there is any difference now to what we were before when we were Company's soldiers.

Well, if you are the same now, what is there so much to complain of?—Why, only the way we've been turned over to Her Majesty in the way we were.

What would you have said if Her Majesty had turned all off, and said she didn't require them, old and young?—Well, I haven't thought about that; I have no doubt if they had the preference of a bounty that 17 out of 20 would enlist again.

What

What have you made up your mind to what you'd do in this case?—No, sir, I haven't made up my mind yet.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, no other grievance.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *D. Sweeny*, 44th Complainant.

Gunner D. Sweeny (2d), a native of Cork, by trade a shoemaker, attested in London on the — February 1858, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir; I think it's very hard being handed over to the Crown, when I 'listed to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 and 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking this one, the last one, but not the first.

Are you worse off in any respect now than you were when you were called a soldier of the Company?—I only joined the troop in January last.

What is your object or wish now in complaining?—I want the option of re-enlistment or discharge; I don't know what I'd do if I had the option.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *S. Stephenson*, 45th Complainant.

Gunner S. Stephenson, a native of Antrim, by trade a weaver, attested at Ballamora on the 18th March 1858, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—The only grievance I have is in here (*he hands in a written Statement, which is read and entered*):

"To his Excellency the Commander in Chief in India.

"From Gunner S. Stephenson, of the late East India Company.

"Your humble gunner distinctly understood when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company that when that Company ceased to hold power in India (as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858, its claims upon him ceased, and therefore begs to submit to your Excellency's attention the following arguments in his behalf:

"1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing it so long required my service. Now the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist; and as there is no Company, it cannot require my service, therefore, legally, my contract is void, and I am a free man.

"2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

"3. If an oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present position, why does it not form a part of my attestation? but it is duly mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate, consequently as it does not form part of my attestation, it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally as being one of Her Majesty's subjects."

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the Complainant cannot read*)?—No, I don't rightly remember about it; but there was nothing about serving the Queen; I agreed to serve the Company.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—To get my discharge, sir.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, it is all stated in the paper what I had to say.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourned shortly after Four o'clock till 11 o'clock To-morrow morning.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—*Saturday*, 14 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembled at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment:—All present, as yesterday.

Gunner *W. Sweeney*, 46th Complainant.

Gunner W. Sweeney, a native of Manchester, iron turner, attested at Manchester on the 8th August 1856, is called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company's Infantry for the first time, and was transferred on a fresh attestation to the Artillery; I didn't enlist to serve the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, not here.

Do you remember what oath it was you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking the last part of the oath, but not the first part about Her Majesty.

Are you a bit worse off now that you are a soldier of Her Majesty, or do you expect to be worse off?—No, sir, I cannot say that I am.

Then what hardship have you particularly to complain off?—Why, sir, I'd like to have a choice in the matter.

And what would you have done if you had the choice?—I can't say yet.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Smith* (1st), 47th Complainant.

Gunner J. Smith (1st), a native of Kunturck, in Herefordshire, a blacksmith, attested at Cardiff on the 2d June 1856, being called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is that I 'listed to serve in the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, and not to serve Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I haven't.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—This one I took; the last one I don't know anything about; this, the first one, in which Her Majesty's name's mentioned, I don't remember at all.

Are you a bit worse off now than you were before the Company was done away with?—No, sir; but I wanted the chance of my discharge or re-enlistment.

And which of the two do you think you'd have taken if the chance had been given you?—Well, I couldn't say that, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

Enclosure 31, in No. 11.

(No. 1140.)

Encl. 31, in No. 11. From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Judge Advocate General, dated the 24th of May 1859.

Sir,

Military Department. With reference to the several portions of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry now sitting at Meerut, which have been received from you, I am directed to observe that his Excellency the Governor General in Council has remarked the very general assertion made by the men who have represented their grievances at their transfer to the service of the Crown, that they never took the first oath which is inserted in the Schedule to the Mutiny Act binding them to serve Her Majesty.

In order to convince the men of their error, and to prove that they actually did take the oath in question, I am desired to transmit to you the original attestations of the men named in the margin, to which their own signatures are attached, and to request that these men may be brought before the Court of Inquiry, and that in the presence of the Court and of their comrades these documents may be shown to them. Among these, as will be perceived, is the original attestation of Gunner Winthers, whose attestation is referred to by so many of the men as being similar to that which they themselves took, and an imperfect copy of which, as in his possession, was transmitted by you.

Gunners:
Edward Winthers.
Hill Hamilton.
John Bair.
Thomas Henneley.
William Guthrie.
William Horner.
James Hayes.
Ptolemy Humfrey.

It is requested that the enclosures may be returned when no longer required, in order that they may again be deposited with the town major, from whom they have been procured.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
24 May 1859.

Enclosure 32, in No. 11.

Encl. 32, in No. 11.

Gunner *S. Smith* (2d), 48th Complainant.

Gunner S. Smith (2d), a native of Stockport in Cheshire, formerly in the police, attested at Manchester on the 14th of April 1858, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—All the complaint I have is, that I want my discharge; I don't think I've been dealt rightly with in being turned over; I 'listed for the Honourable East India Company, I did not for Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath it was you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—No, I didn't take this oath, at least only a part of it, about allegiance; but then I am well aware that no one can obtain a situation under Government without taking the oath of allegiance.

How long have you been in the police?—Six years nearly altogether; three years in the Cheshire constabulary, and about two years and a half in the Manchester police.

Have you a copy of the oath you took when you were in the police, or do you remember what the oath was?—I haven't a copy, but it was like the first part of the oath you showed me just now, except that there was nothing in it about obeying generals and officers.

You

You are not a bit worse off now than you were under the Company, and don't you know that all the rights and privileges promised you when you enlisted are secured to you now by the British Government?—Yes, sir, I know all this, and that I am just the same as before; but as there is no Company now, I think my contract is void.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing more to say.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *N. Turner*, 49th Complainant.

Gunner N. Turner, a native of Gloucestershire, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 5th June, is called into court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I 'listed for the H. E. I. Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14. Now, I believe, sir, the Company is demolished, and I consider myself now, sir, a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested; look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—No, sir, I don't remember taking any part of this oath.

Did you take any oath at all when attested?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the East India Company, sir.

Is your position changed in any way since the Company was demolished?—There is no difference, sir.

Then what particular hardship do you complain of?—Well, sir, I don't consider it any hardship, only the way we are turned over.

What is your object in complaining now?—Why, sir, I should like to get some recompense; I should like to take an oath to serve Her Majesty before I did serve her.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *W. Thompson*, 50th Complainant.

Gunner W. Thompson, a native of Glasgow, labourer, attested in Glasgow on the 19th January 1857, called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the H. E. I. Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; so, now that the Company is given over to the Crown, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 and 183 *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Here's the oath I took (*Complainant points to the latter part of the oath*); that (*the former part*) was never mentioned to me.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way now that you are a soldier of Her Majesty?—I am just the same that I was before, except that I have more pay, I believe.

Then why do you think it a hardship?—If I had been attested to serve Her Majesty I shouldn't have felt aggrieved, but I don't like being given over without knowing anything about it.

What do you wish now?—I want to get my discharge, and would consider afterwards about re-enlistment.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *William Thomson*, 51st Complainant.

Gunner William Thomson, a native of Kilmarnock, by trade a clerk, attested in Glasgow on the 5th January 1857, being called into court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I 'listed to serve the East India Company's Artillery for 12 or 14 years, provided the said Company so long required my services; the said Company has now been abolished, therefore I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you take when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 and 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking the first part of the oath, but not that, the second, but it may have been added to it. I have no distinct recollection; but I consider that the oath that I took to Her Majesty only holds good while I remain in the service, and while the Company is in power.

Do you know of any other who took this oath, the first part of it, except recruits, on being attested?—I don't know this particular oath, but I believe that all who take service under Government are obliged to take an oath something like this, swearing allegiance to Her Majesty.

Are your position and prospects changed in any way in the service since the Company was abolished?—No, sir.

Well, then, why do you consider it a hardship to be required to serve on; you know that it was by an Act of Parliament, by the law of the land, that you were transferred?—I'm not unwilling to serve Her Majesty, but I consider that when two parties enter into a contract, one party ought to have his say as well as the other.

But you had your say in the matter through the representation of your native place at home?—I don't see that, as I agreed individually with the East India Company I ought to have been individually consulted in it.

Then you think that every man ought to have had the option of going or staying?—Yes, sir.

Which would you have done if you had had the option?—Far be it from me to be unwilling to serve Her Majesty if she required my services, but I think I ought to have had my discharge before entering into another contract.

Don't you think it would have been a hard case if an Act had been passed discharging all the Company's servants when the transfer was made, old as well as young?—It would have been rather hard, but I consider it would have been just and right; for the Company was abolished, they had no further occasion for the service of anybody.

Do you remember anything about Lord Palmerston's speech, what his Lordship said when the transfer to the Crown was under discussion?—Yes; Lord Palmerston said, when he was introducing his Indian Bill, that he thought every soldier of the Company would be fairly entitled to his discharge, or words to this effect.

Has this speech been spoken of at all by the men of your troop?—I read it in the "Times;" I've heard it spoken of here, but not lately, and I consider it myself as the opinion of a great statesman.

Have you any other grievance besides this?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *G. Tomlinson*, 52d Complainant.

Gunner G. Tomlinson, a native of Lichfield, in Staffordshire, by trade a Farmer's Servant, attested at Birmingham, on the 3d of October 1856, being called into Court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—Here is my statement, sir, (*Complainant hands in a written statement, which is here read and entered*).

"The Commander in Chief in India.

"From Gunner *Tomlinson*, of the late East India Company's Artillery.

"Your humble gunner distinctly understood when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company, that when the said Company ceased to hold power in India, as it has done by an Act of Parliament, passed in July 1858, its claims upon me also ceased, and therefore begs to submit to your Excellency's attention the following arguments on his behalf:—

"1st. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing it so long required my services. Now the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist; and as there is no Company, they cannot require my services any longer; therefore, legally, my contract is void, and I am a free man.

"Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by any one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation, but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently as it does not form part of my attestation, it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally as one of her subjects."

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this? (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)—No, sir, I didn't, that I am sure (*Complainant points to the first part*); I took that (*the latter part*).

You are just the same now in every respect as when you were a Company's soldier, and expect to remain so?—Why we are getting off the Company's regulations every day.

Tell me in what way; the pay is the same, isn't it, or rather more than it was?—The pay is rather increased; we have different drill to what we used to have; we have more stable duty than we used to have. That's all I have to say; I have no other complaint.

What is your wish in complaining?—For my discharge; I'd like to have the option of whether to enlist or not.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *F. A. Townshend*, 53d Complainant.

Gunner F. A. Townshend, a native of Chepstow, by trade a commercial traveller, attested in London, on the 19th February 1858, being called into Court and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I consider that I am unlawfully detained; that I am entitled to a re-enlistment, with a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I've lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember what oath I took; but I didn't take an oath before a magistrate at all; it was at Shoreditch, and the justice was engaged, and the clerk read something over,

but

but I am sure I don't know what it was, but I clearly understood that I enlisted to serve the Company, and not to serve Her Majesty.

You are the same in every respect as you were when the Company was in existence, and expect no change?—I am the same, and expect no change.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—I wish to take my discharge if I had the option; but I think three-fourths of the men, if they had the option, would re-enlist.

Have you any other grievance?—None, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Walsh*, 54th Complainant.

Gunner J. Walsh, a native of Dungarvan, in Waterford, by trade a clerk, attested at Warley, 29th May 1857, being called into Court, is asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is, that I feel aggrieved at being turned over to Her Majesty without knowing for what.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is (*the Complainant here hands in his attestation paper, which is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winthers.* (*Appendix*, (C.))

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested; look at this; was it like this? (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't exactly remember what oath I took; I don't exactly think I took that oath; there was nothing in the oath about Her Majesty, but I don't remember what.

You know that you are just the same in every respect as you were during the Company's time? (*Complainant here states that he has a complaint to make about a bounty suit of clothing that he is entitled to, having mustered with Captain Alley's detachment on the* 1*st January* 1858, *and he also states that he is entitled to compensation for* 36 *days' rations on board the "Amazon." He is directed to attend at the Artillery orderly room on Monday morning next, the* 15*th instant, when these complaints will be inquired into, he goes on to say*)—I can't see that I am different in any way to what I was, or what I am likely to be.

What is your particular object or wish now?—I want to get the option of re-enlisting with a bounty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *G. A. Westley*, 55th Complainant.

Gunner G. A. Westley, a native of Great Billon, in Northamptonshire, by trade a shoemaker, attested at Coventry, on the 29th December 1856, is called into Court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required; and I understand there is no more Company; so I think I'm entitled to re-enlist with a fresh bounty, or to discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is (*the Complainant here hands in his attestation paper, which is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winthers.* (*Appendix*, (C.))

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember; I don't recollect any such thing.

You haven't suffered in any way since you were called a soldier of Her Majesty?—I don't know any difference at all; but I want some satisfaction for the way we have been turned over.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else, but about my clothing; I 'listed in 1856, and I have only had one jacket and one pair of overalls. (*The Complainant is directed to lay this matter before his commanding officer at the orderly-room on Monday next.*

[Withdraws.

Gunner *G. White*, 56th Complainant.

Gunner G. White, a native of Gloucestershire, by trade a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 4th February 1857, is called into Court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I consider that I am a free man; I enlisted to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required.

You are just as well off now as you were when you were a Company's soldier, are you not?—Yes; but I haven't been in the service long; the Company was done away with before I came out, but I don't know of any difference.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—To have my discharge, or to be re-enlisted.

Have you any other complaint to make?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Wright*, 57th Complainant.

Gunner J. Wright, a native of Dallow, in Dumfrieshire, by trade a saddler, attested at Glasgow on the 5th May 1857, is called into Court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is being handed over to the Queen when I 'listed to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this? (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*).—I don't remember taking any part of this.

Is there any difference in the way you are treated now, in respect to pay and everything else, to what there was when the Company was in existence?—I haven't had much experience, not having been long in the country; but I have heard the drill's a little different.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—I wish to get my discharge, or to be free to enlist or not; I have no other complaint, but I don't think I'm bound to serve Her Majesty, not having been enlisted for it.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Woolridge*, 58th Complainant.

Gunner T. Woolridge, a native of Draycot, in Staffordshire, by trade a labourer, attested at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on the 16th November 1857, is called into Court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make, if so state it?—When I enlisted I 'listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now that the Company is given over to the Queen I feel aggrieved at having to serve.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) I took an oath to serve the East India Company; I took no oath about Her Majesty.

Do you expect to be a bit worse off under the Queen than you would have been under the Company?—No, sir; not a bit under a fresh bounty.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

There being no more men of the troop to examine, the Court adjourns shortly after 3 o'clock p.m., till Monday next, the 16th instant, at 11 a.m.

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Monday*, 16 *May* 1859.

The Court assembles at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as on Saturday.

Appendix (H.) The Court receive and attach to the proceedings (Appendix H.) a report to Lieutenant Colonel Huyshe, stating that the non-commissioned officers of the 1st Brigade Staff have no complaints to make.

Appendix (I.) The Court proceeded to have in all the men of the 2d Company, 4th Battalion of Artillery, who are individually asked if they have any complaint; those marked "content" in the accompanying list (Appendix I.) state that they have no complaint to make, and are sent back to barracks.

Bombardier and Acting Corporal *J. Dixon*, 59th Complainant.

Bombardier and Acting Corporal J. Dixon, a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested on the 17th November 1853, at Glasgow, is called into Court, and asked:

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—Sir, when I 'listed, I 'listed for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now that the Company has ceased to exist, I don't think they can require my services any longer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *&* 183 *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, sir, this wasn't put to me when I was attested.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, now that the Company is done away with?—No, there isn't much difference; but we have a little harder work, perhaps, now than we had before the mutiny; but this is not what I complain about or care about, my grievance is being turned over to serve Her Majesty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

APPENDIX (H.).

Sir,

I BEG to inform you that the under-mentioned non-commissioned officers of the 1st Brigade Staff have no complaints to make:—Serjeant-major Daley, Quartermaster-serjeant Wallace, Drill-serjeant Tinton, Roughrider-serjeant Flanagan, Hospital-serjeant Goddard, Trumpet-major Anderson, Drill-corporal Oakes, Farrier-major Vallance, Orderly-room-clerk Kirker.

I am, &c.
J. Daley,
Acting Serjeant-major, 1st Brigade, H.A.

Colonel Huyshe.

Enclosure 33, in No. 11.

(No. 108.) Encl. 33, in No. 11.

From Brigadier *J. K. M'Causland,* C.B., commanding at Sealkote, to Major General *C. A. Windham,* C.B., commanding Lahore Division.

Sir, Sealkote, 18 May 1859.

I AM happy to report the half troop Horse Artillery arrived this morning, and are, to a man, perfectly loyal. Captain Rotton rode out to their camp yesterday, to read the orders that have passed on this unhappy subject; at the conclusion, all replied, "We have no grievance;" and gave three cheers for Her Majesty. One of the gunners, who, it appears, absented himself without leave as they were passing through Meean Meer, returned to camp drunk, and Lieutenant Traill has reason to believe he in some degree fraternised with the discontented at that station, but, finding himself solus in the business with this troop, denies the fact, and now states his only grievance was that his service had not been accounted to him. This is a matter which will, of course, be submitted to, and settled by the Commandant of Artillery, and is in no way connected with the present business.

I was present when the troop arrived at their barracks this morning, and am fully satisfied the best feeling exists amongst the men.

I have, &c.
K. M'Causland, Brigadier,
Commanding at Sealkote.

(No. 456.)

FORWARDED by order of the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Head Quarters, Simla
27 May 1859.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

— No. 12. —

No. 75 of 1859.—Military Department. No. 12.

(Separate.)

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley,* M.P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter (No. 71) of the 3d instant, we have the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information, the further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut, up to and including a portion of the 11th day's sitting.

The proceedings have been printed from the commencement, in which form they are now forwarded.

We also transmit copy of the proceedings of a similar Court of Inquiry held at Agra. Amongst the enclosures will be found satisfactory reports of the state of feeling in the artillery at Pilleebheet and at Sealkote.

In our last letter we alluded to the reports which had reached us in regard to a feeling of discontent in the 3d Madras European Regiment.

Enclosed will be found a copy of the correspondence describing all that occurred, and it is satisfactory to find that the men have returned to their duty, and that order has been thoroughly restored in the regiment. A Court of Inquiry has been assembled to record the complaints of the men.

Deeming it advisable that two recently formed regiments, like the 1st European Cavalry and the 4th European Infantry, in which the feeling of discontent had shown itself more or less, should not remain at the same station, the Commander in Chief has, with our approval, removed the former corps from Allahabad to Cawnpore, which has been effected without any difficulty.

Letter from the President, Court of Inquiry, Cawnpore, with Enclosure received by Docket, No. 504, dated 31 May 1859, from the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

We have the honour to forward the papers noted in the margin, having reference to the statement of Gunner C. Bennett, giving the reasons for his feeling aggrieved at the late transfer of the Company's soldiers to the service of the Crown.

This man was formerly in the 50th Regiment, and purchased his discharge. He enlisted within six months for the Company's Artillery, and was told that his previous service could not be allowed to reckon, though had the enlistment been for Her Majesty's army it would have counted. He now finds himself transferred to the Queen's service, without any option in the matter, and represents that he has not been allowed to reckon his former service in the Royal army. No decision on this point has been passed that we are aware of.

This man's claim is believed to be that of many others, and the question raised being one deserving of consideration, in our opinion, as well as that of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, we forward the same for your Lordship's decision, on the question, whether soldiers formerly in the Royal army but who subsequently enlisted into the Company's forces, may be allowed to reckon their previous service in Her Majesty's army, now that they have become the Indian forces of Her Majesty.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
B. Peacock.

Fort William, 11 June 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 12.

Encl., 1 in No. 12.

(No. 223.)

To the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

Sir,

I WAS informed, for the first time, on the morning of the 23d instant, that a great deal of discussion had taken place the previous two or three nights, in the barracks, amongst the men of the regiment under my command, relative to the bounty question, and further, that the men had decided, in the event of there being a parade on the following day, "Her Majesty's birthday," to avail themselves of that opportunity, and remaining at attention when ordered to load and fire a "*Feu-de-Joie.*"

I immediately ordered a parade for the evening, and forming the entire regiment in three sides of a square, addressed the men as follows:

"Soldiers of the Third Regiment, it has come to my knowledge that some of you have a grievance to complain of in connexion with the bounty to which you believe yourselves entitled, on the transfer of your services from the East India Company to the Crown.

"I need not point out to you that there is a proper and becoming manner, and a course laid down, for every soldier to make known to his commanding officer any complaint which he may have, or suppose to have, requiring interference and redress.

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"It is my duty, and will be my duty at all times, so far as in my power, to afford redress to any just complaint, whether affecting pay, clothing, rations, family matters, or any other point.

"The present is an exceptional case, several regiments in the Bengal Presidency, similarly situated to yourselves, losing sight of the proper course to be pursued when a grievance is supposed to exist, have evinced a spirit foreign to the character of British troops in all ages, and have swerved from that line of conduct which should have been their pride, as it would have been their honour.

"I call on you, soldiers of the Third Regiment, not to imitate their example, to do nothing which will bring down now, or hereafter, shame and dishonour on your heads, to do nothing which, when the feelings of the hour have passed away, or when you have attained the evening of your life, you will recall with sorrow and regret. I call on you to continue as you have, to show obedience to all orders, and to prove, by strict and faithful discharge of your duties, that you are men not to be turned aside from what is right by any circumstance, however coming home to, or affecting your interest. I call on you to practise self-control, to exercise patience, and to rest assured that if your claim is a just one, and good in point of law, time will establish your claim, and justify your right; leave it to time, leave it to stand or fall by its own merits, if right is on your side right will be done you, if right is not on your side your own character, as men of honour, will require you to let your claim pass, what more can you desire; again I say, leave your claim to stand or fall on its own merits, time will approve your conduct, it will be said of you, these men acted wisely and well, they left their claim to time, time which settles all things and adjusts all real or supposed grievance.

"I have a word more to say, and it is this: Remember that you belong to an army, which all through the last troublesome two years have shown unshaken loyalty, trust, and confidence, which has done its duty in the field, and has been true, aye, and great in every difficulty, and every trial, and has never once failed in that essential and highest quality, endurance; lose not sight of this great quality now, remember that the feelings of men are apt to mislead their judgments; remember also that there is not a town, not a market place, not a village green, not a hamlet, not a roadside inn, in all England, where the behaviour of these regiments of the Bengal Army, who have taken up the bounty question, will fail to be discussed, and where they will not cry shame on the men, who, for the settlement of a supposed bounty claim, could lose sight of their own character, of the honour of their regiment, and that virtue of Englishmen in all ages, loyalty to the Crown.

"Soldiers of the Third Regiment, prefer honour to dishonour, be content to let your claim stand or fall upon its own merits, abide by my counsel, take no part unworthy of you, do not follow the example of these misguided men and regiments in Bengal, but as good men and true, as soldiers of the Madras Army, do your duty faithfully and honourably, and leave your claim to stand or fall, as I have already said, on its own merits alone, and to be judged by time.

"Recollect, a good claim cannot be made better by disobedience of orders, nor a bad claim enforced by a breach of discipline. The occasion of this parade shall be reported to His Excellency the Commander in Chief."

Nothing could be more orderly, respectful, and soldier-like, than the behaviour of the men at this parade, not a word escaped them, not a sign or motion betrayed either hesitation or disgust, and the address seemed to have a satisfactory effect; early this morning, however, (May 24th) I was informed that perfect quiet had prevailed throughout during the night, except in the Light Company barracks. The serjeant on duty there, having occasion to confine a private, failed to procure the assistance of any man of the company, and had to proceed to the quarter-guard himself for a guard to remove the offender.

The officer commanding the Light Company, Captain Gilbertson, a good and attentive officer, likewise informed me that the men were remaining perfectly respectful in their demeanor, but silent and deaf to every order. That they had one and all in this manner refused to obey an order for the inspection of their kits, and in a few instances to receive the batta for Her Majesty's birthday, which had been previously issued.

I proceeded to the barracks, and found the men as described, they fell in, however, and answered to their names on the roll being called, and continue orderly and respectful in their demeanor.

I spoke to them in almost the same words I had used the previous evening, adding only that I felt bound to tell them unmistakeably and clearly, the course I meant to pursue in dealing with any exhibition of refusal to do duty, such as they were manifesting, viz., to have each man's name entered on a roll, and as it was a principle sound and incontrovertible, both with Government and individuals, that those who did no work, could claim no pay; I should, if ever the bounty question were settled in their favour, produce this roll as evidence of their refusal to do duty, and of their being entitled in the interval to bare subsistence alone, and so liable to refund all their pay, &c.

Of the wisdom of this course, time must prove, but its justice and reason are so clear that I do not think they will give me occasion to carry my resolutions into execution.

In pursuing this line of conduct, I availed myself of the only means I deemed suitable for the occasion. I have no apprehension whatever of any disturbance in the 3d European

Regiment. I believe the idea which has possessed the men is one that must be reasoned with, not arbitrarily disposed of, even were such a course practicable.

I shall report daily the state of the regiment.

I have, &c.

R. Shubrick, Colonel,
Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment.

J. M'Duff, Brigadier,
Commanding 2d Brigade Saugor Division,
and Jubbulpore.

Jubbulpore, 24 May 1859.

FORWARDED for the information of Major General Birch, &c., &c.

G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Force.

Encl. 2, in No. 12.

Enclosure 2, in No. 12.

(No. 946.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut,
15 May 1859.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, the accompanying letter in original, No. 87, of the 12th instant, from the officer commanding the Meean Meer Division of Artillery, reporting that about 30 men of the 1st Troop, 2d Brigade, Horse Artillery (Bourchier's) had refused to turn out for parade on the evening of the 11th idem, and had expressed their grievance to be the recent transfer from the Service of the East India Company to that of Her Majesty.

I have, &c.

R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

(No. 87.)

Meean Meer, 12 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Brigadier Commandant, that yesterday evening about 30 men of the 1st Troop, 2d Brigade, commanded by Captain and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel G. Bourchier, C.B., refused to turn out to parade. On this being reported to me, I immediately personally reported it to Brigadier Smith, commanding the station, and went with him to the Major General commanding the division.

Major General Windham, C.B., accompanied by the Brigadier, myself, and the staff, proceeded to the barracks. The Major General then addressed first, the 4th troop, 3d Brigade, and afterwards the 1st troop, 2d Brigade, which had turned out in the meantime; he pointed out to both troops that every attention would be paid to any reasonable complaint that they might have to make, but that such conduct of not turning out to duty, was most unsoldierlike, and that this mode of making known any supposed grievance met with his highest displeasure.

General Windham then ordered a special committee, composed of the Brigadier Commanding and President, and myself, and Major M'Mullen, 3d European Light Cavalry, as members, to investigate the cause of the men's dissatisfaction, which, as was expected, proved to be with regard to their transfer from the service of the late Company to the immediate service of Her Majesty. The committee has been sitting this morning, taking down each man's statement, regarding his satisfaction or otherwise, with the transfer, about half the men expressed themselves perfectly willing to serve under the new Government; of the other half, some claimed a bounty, others their discharge. The committee have not as yet inquired into the feeling of the 3d Company, 4th Battalion, but they proceed this evening into the Citadel for this purpose.

I may add that there has been no change in the conduct of the men, or their demeanor towards their officers, the former has been most orderly and the latter perfectly respectful. The only breach of discipline that has occurred was the unmilitary manner that the few men of the 1st Troop, 2d Brigade, adopted to bring to notice the existence of their supposed grievance.

It was explained to both troops by the Brigadier this morning that now that their claims and complaints have been fully inquired into, they must continue to perform their duties strictly and cheerfully, pending the decision of such authority as may be considered competent to judge the matter; the men seemed perfectly satisfied with this. I lost no time in

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bringing these circumstances to the notice of the Brigadier Commandant, and I intend to report to-morrow the result of the inquiry into the state of the feelings of the men of the 3d Company, 4th Battalion.

I have, &c.
F. B. Boileau, Colonel,
Commanding Artillery Division.

(No. 440.)

FORWARDED for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council, in continuation of previous correspondence regarding the dissatisfaction existing among the European soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian army.

By order of the Commander in Chief,
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
26 May 1859.

Enclosure 3, in No. 12.

(No. 108.)

Encl. 3, in No. 12.

From Brigadier *J. K. M'Causland,* C.B., Commanding at Sealkote, to Major General *C. A. Windham,* C.B. Commanding Lahore Division.

Sir, Sealkote, 18 May 1859.

I AM happy to report the Half Troop Horse Artillery arrived this morning, and are to a man perfectly loyal. Captain Rotton rode out to their camp yesterday to read the orders that have passed on this unhappy subject; at the conclusion all replied, "We have no grievance," and gave three cheers for Her Majesty. One of the gunners who, it appears, absented himself without leave, as they were passing through Meean Meer, returned to camp drunk, and Lieutenant Traill has reason to believe he in some degree fraternised with the discontented at that station, but finding himself solus in the business with this troop denies the fact, and now states his only grievance was that his service had not been accounted to him. This is a matter which will of course be submitted to and settled by the commandant of artillery, and is in no way connected with the present business.

I was present when the troop arrived at their barracks this morning, and am fully satisfied the best feeling exists amongst the men.

I have, &c.
J. K. M'Causland, Brigadier,
Commanding at Sealkote.

(No 456.)

FORWARDED by order of the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
27 May 1859.

(No. 88.)

Sir, Meean Meer, 13 May 1859.

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday I have the honour to report, for the information of the Brigadier Commandant, that the Court of Inquiry went into the Fort of Lahore yesterday evening to inquire into the question of the transfer to Her Majesty's service in the 3d Company, 4th Battalion of Artillery, and I am happy to be able to report that out of 53 men, 51 expressed themselves as satisfied; of the two men who wished for discharge or bounty, one man was to transfer from the 1st Troop, 2d Battalion, at this station, about three months ago, and the other was a young soldier, a comrade of the other.

The third Company of my Battalion have always been a well behaved and disposed company, and being all nearly old soldiers not so liable to be led away by evil-disposed men.

I have, &c.
F. B. Boileau, Colonel,
Commanding 4th Battalion Artillery, and
Artillery Division.

To the Acting Adjutant General
Artillery, Meerut.

Enclosure 4, in No. 12.

Encl. 4, in No. 12.

(No. 947.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters.

Sir, Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut, 16 May 1859.

In continuation of my letter, No. 946, of yesterday's date, I have the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, a report from the officer commanding the Meean Meer Division of Artillery, of the result of the investigation as to the sentiments of the men of the 3d Company, 4th Battalion, Foot Artillery, when 51 out of 53 declared themselves satisfied with their present position.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

(No. 459.)

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council, in continuation of previous correspondence relative to the dissatisfaction existing among the European soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces.

By order of the Commander in Chief,
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 27 May 1859.

Enclosure 5, in No. 12.

Encl. 5, in No. 12.

(No. 331.)

To Major General *Birch*, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

Sir,

I have the honour of informing you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you:—

27 May.

A strong feeling has shown itself in 3d Madras European Regiment regarding their transfer to the Queen's service, but the officer commanding "has no apprehension of any disturbance."

I proceed to Jubbulpore; daily reports shall be made to you.

I have, &c.
G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters, Saugor Field Division,
Saugor, 27 May 1859.

Enclosure 6, in No. 12.

Encl. 6, in No. 12.

Sir, Agra, 19 May 1859.

I have the honour to report, for the information of Major General Bradford, C. B., commanding the Meerut Division, that a disturbance took place last night in the artillery barracks, arising from some of the men having obtained liquor and become drunk; Lieutenant Colonel Barr reported to me at half-past 11 o'clock p.m., that the men would not allow one to be confined; and that the old men, being comparatively few in number, could not act. Lieutenant Colonel Barr had gone to the barracks, and found about 28 men paraded and orderly, while the rest had returned to their cots.

The disorderly and riotous men, however, are still at large. It would have destroyed the discipline of the company to allow them to remain unpunished, I therefore went down to the barrack myself, and ordered out five companies of the 3d Battalion Rifle Brigade. On their arrival, I directed the officer commanding the artillery to turn out the company; some little delay took place in assembling them; when they were formed, I requested a strong escort from the artillery to be told off, to take the prisoners that were to be confined to the guard-room. The names of the men who had been most prominent were then called out, and ordered to advance to the front; five only, of eight, were present, the remaining three had escaped. The five were taken to the cells of the Rifle Brigade, the guard-room of the regiment not being suited for the purpose.

In being moved off, the prisoners acted more like workmen and labourers than disciplined soldiers; they were escorted by artillerymen, but, to prevent the men from effecting their escape,

escape, a party of the Rifle Brigade marched in rear, and continued with them till they were lodged in the cells; several of the men were still riotous and drunken.

To-day all is quiet. The three missing men have not yet returned to barracks; as a precaution, I have warned the magistrate of their absence, and of the possibility of their making for Muthora or Meerut. I have also written to the officer commanding at Muthora, on the subject.

I trust, now that I have shown my intention of maintaining discipline in the company, that there will be no further disturbances.

I have, &c.
St. G. D. Showers, Brigadier,
Commanding Agra and Muthora Districts.

FORWARDED to the chief of the staff, with reference to my telegram of yesterday's date.

J. F. Bradford, Major General,
Commanding Meerut Division.

Meerut, 21 May 1859.

(No. 483.)

FORWARDED, by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 7, in No. 12.

(Confidential.) Encl. 7, in No. 12.

To Sir *W. R. Mansfield*, K.C.B., Chief of the Staff, Kussowlie.

Sir,

I HAVE this instant received your circular memorandum (confidential) for the guidance of officers commanding divisions, of the 5th instant, and the instructions therein contained shall be strictly attended to and made use of, should circumstances unhappily require it.

At present I see no necessity of giving publicity to his Lordship's orders.

I am in constant correspondence with Brigadier M'Duff, who is at Jubbulpore, where a company of Madras Artillery and the 3d Madras European Regiment are quartered, and everything appears quiet there.

At this station the A. troop, Madras Artillery, is quartered, and I am perfectly satisfied with their conduct.

Frequent reports shall be made, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.
G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Camp, Saugor, 17 May 1859.

(No. 483.)

FORWARDED, by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 8, in No. 12.

(No. 225.) Encl. 8, in No. 12.

To the Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform you that the excitement in the 3d European Regiment, increasing rather than abating, as the day wore on, I deemed it advisable to move into barracks with all the officers of the regiment.

I am happy to say no disturbance of any kind has occurred. All the men continue very orderly and respectful in their behaviour, and in seven companies to do their duty, and to obey ordering.

The Light, Grenadier and D. companies are the only exception. I have issued the accompanying regimental order, and have every reason to hope order will be very shortly and thoroughly restored. I feel no difficulty whatever in dealing with the exigencies of the case, and I beg his Excellency the Commander in Chief to rest assured I will use every effort in my power to accomplish the restoration of discipline in the regiment.

I have, &c.
R. Shubrick, Colonel,
Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment.

Jubbulpore, 25 May 1859.

EXTRACT from Regimental Orders, by Colonel *R. Shubrick*, Commanding.

Jubbulpore, 25 May 1859, Wednesday.

Para. 2. THE officer commanding the regiment is prepared to receive statements from the men of the A. B. C. E. F. G. and H. Companies, on any subject they wish brought to the notice of his Excellency the Commander in Chief; the statements themselves will be forwarded. He will also be prepared to receive similar statements from the Grenadier, D. and Light Companies, whenever the officers commanding and in charge of them have reported that their men have returned to a sense of their duty. These statements must be prepared by the men themselves, be couched in respectful language, and bear the signature of the officer commanding or in charge of the company.

By order,
O. F. Smithers, Lieutenant,
Acting Adjutant, 3d Madras European Regiment.

FORWARDED for the information of Major General Birch, &c. &c. &c.

I proceed myself to Jubbulpore, and shall, if I see necessary, carry into effect the instructions conveyed in the confidential memorandum from the Chief of the Staff, dated 3d May 1859.

G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters, Saugor Field Division,
Saugor, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 9, in No. 12.

Encl. 9, in No. 12.

(No. 227.)

To the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, that order is thoroughly restored in the regiment under my command; all duties proceed as heretofore.

I have no apprehension whatever of any further manifestation of feeling, in regard to the bounty question, being manifested.

Should any statements be made by the men, they will be duly submitted for his Excellency's consideration.

I have, &c.
R. Shubrick, Colonel,
Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment.

Jubbulpore, 26 May 1859.

(No. 161.)

FORWARDED for the information of Major General Birch, &c. &c. &c.

J. MacDuff, Brigadier Colonel,
2d Brigade, and Jubbulpore.

Head Quarters, Saugor Field Division,
Saugor, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 10, in No. 12.

Encl. 10, in No. 12.

(No. 978.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters.

Sir,

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut, 20 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, copy of letter (No. 73) of the 14th instant, from Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Smyth, commanding the troops at Phillibheet, reporting that the men of the detachment of artillery in his camp were satisfied with their present position in the service.

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2. The detachment consists of two guns of No. 14 Light Field Battery, with 25 men of all ranks of the 3d company 3d battalion Foot Artillery attached.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

(No. 73.)

To the Assistant Adjutant General of Artillery, Meerut.

Sir,

For the information of the Brigadier commanding the regiment, I have the pleasure to report, that on my asking the European detachment now in my camp, if they had any complaint to make regarding their transfer to the service of the Crown, I was informed that they had none; several non-commissioned officers added, they had always supposed that in serving the East India Company they were equally serving Her Majesty the Queen.

I have, &c.
J. H. Smyth, Lieutenant Colonel
Bengal Horse Artillery,
Commanding Troops at Phillibheet.

Camp, near Phillibheet,
14 May 1858.

(No. 471.)

Forwarded by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 11, in No. 12.

(No. 977.)

Encl. 11, in No. 12.

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, copy of a letter, No. 79, of the 18th instant, from the officer commanding the Artillery Division at Agra, reporting that 60 men of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion Bengal Artillery, had on the 16th and 17th current, before a Special Court of Inquiry held at that station, expressed a wish to be given the option of taking their discharge or receiving bounty on transfer to the immediate service of Her Majesty.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut,
20 May 1859.

(No. 79.)

To the Officiating Assistant Adjutant General of the Army, Meerut.

Sir,

I have the honour to report, for the information of the Brigadier Commandant, that 60 men of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, have, before a Special Court of Inquiry held at this station on the 16th and 17th current, expressed a wish to be given the option of taking their discharge, or receiving bounty on transfer to the immediate service of Her Majesty.

I have, &c.
W. Barr, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Artillery Division.

Agra, 18 May 1859.

(No. 472.)

Forwarded by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

(signed) *H. W. Norman*, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 12, in No. 12.

Encl. 12, in No. 12.

(No. 566.)

To the Chief of the Staff, Head Quarters.

Sir, Meerut Division, Head Quarters.

Bengal Artillery, 60 men.

HEREWITH I do myself the honour to forward the proceedings of a Board assembled under my orders at the request of Brigadier St. G. D. Showers, C.B., to record the grievances of men of the late East India Company's service dissatisfied with their transfer to the Crown.

I have, &c.
J. F. Bradford, Major General,
Commanding Meerut Division.

Meerut, 20 May 1859.

(No. 484.)

FORWARDED by direction of the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 28 May 1859.

Enclosure 13, in No. 12.

Encl. 13, in No. 12. PROCEEDING of a Special Court of Inquiry, held at Agra, by order of Brigadier St. *George Showers*; C.B., Commanding the Agra and Muttra Districts, on the 16th day of May 1859, for the purpose of recording the Evidence of any men of the late East India Company's service who desire to represent a grievance.

Lieutenant Colonel Glyn, Rifle Brigade, President.

Members:

Lieutenant Colonel Barr, Bengal Artillery; Major Morrison, 30th Regiment Native Infantry.

The Court assembles this day, May 16th 1859, at 11 a.m. President and Members are present. The order for the assembly of the Court is read; and the following soldiers appear before it:

BENGAL ARTILLERY.

1.—Gunner William Johnstone.

No. 9,312. Gunner *William Johnstone*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being retained in this country doing the duty of a soldier, considering that I have claim to discharge upon the grounds that I was neither enlisted or attested to serve in Her Majesty's East India forces. I was enlisted for the East India Company's service on the 3d November 1856, in Liverpool.

2.—Gunner Josiah Joliffe.

No. 9,517. Gunner *Josiah Joliffe*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took an oath to serve in the late East India Company's military forces for the terms of 12 years, not exceeding 14 years, if required, and further that J. F. Joliffe never took an oath to serve in Her Majesty's East India forces, and I feel myself aggrieved at having to serve against my will in Her Majesty's said East India military forces, without having been shown or attested for those said forces.

3.—Gunner Henry M'Kee.

No. 9,192. Gunner *Henry M'Kee*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, states:—I having enlisted for the late East India Company's service, feel aggrieved at being detained in this country, acting as a soldier, seeing from a copy of my attestation, that I have a right to my discharge, it having been read to me in General Orders that I was transferred to Her Majesty's service; this may be the case; but it cannot be as a soldier, for I must be enlisted and attested before I can be claimed as such. I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and not in Her Majesty's forces. I enlisted on the 10th January 1857, in Ireland.

4.—Gunner John Roberts.

No. 9,966. Gunner *John Roberts*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—Having enlisted for the late East India Company's service, and that service alone, I feel aggrieved being detained in this country doing the duty of a soldier, seeing that I have a claim to my discharge, and a free passage to the country I enlisted in. You will see from the copy of my attestation, that the above claims are just. I have heard it in General Orders that I am transferred to Her Majesty's service by Act of Parliament, which may be the case; if so, it cannot be as a soldier, because I have never been enlisted or attested for Her Majesty's service, which I must be before I become a soldier legally. I enlisted on the 13th April 1858, in Essex.

No. 9,331.

No. 9,331. Gunner *William Reid Marshall*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in the late East India Company's service in November 1856, at Edinburgh; I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country doing the duties of a soldier when I am entitled to my discharge and free passage to Europe. 5.—Gunner William Reid Marshall.

No. 8,643. Gunner *John Flynn*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in London for the late East India Company in 1855, and was transferred to the Artillery from the Infantry; I now find myself transferred to Her Majesty's East India forces against my will, without having been re-enlisted or attested, which I don't think is legal. On both occasions I enlisted only for the East India Company, and took the oath for them alone. 6.—Gunner John Flynn.

No. 9,725. Gunner *Henry Pearl*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted at Westminster, on the 17th September 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's service, for the term of 12 years, or 2 more if required. I have since been informed, that Her Majesty has taken me over for service in Her Majesty's East India forces, which I don't think is right. I consider that I have fulfilled my oath for the East India Company's service. I am still willing to serve as a soldier, until the Government at home shall take into consideration our grievances, but I don't consider that I am legally a soldier in Her Majesty's service. 7.—Gunner Henry Pearl.

No. 9,716. Gunner *John M'Crory*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in October 1857, for the Honourable East India Company, at Belfast, for the Artillery service. I enlisted for the East India Company's service alone. I feel myself aggrieved in being detained in this country, doing the duty of a soldier, seeing that I am entitled to my discharge, and a free passage to the country I enlisted in. It was read to me that I was transferred to Her Majesty's service by a recent Act of Parliament, but it cannot be as a soldier, for I have never been enlisted or attested to serve Her Majesty, which I must be before I can be claimed as such. 8.—Gunner John M'Crory.

No. 8,686. Gunner *Richard Peacock*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in London on 4th June 1855, for the East India Company's Infantry. I was transferred to the Artillery on the 5th July. I consider myself entitled to my discharge, as I have not been enlisted or attested to serve in Her Majesty's forces, but solely for the East India Company. 9.—Acting Farrier Richard Peacock.

No. 8,308. Bombardier *James Hunter*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted at Liverpool on the 10th day of July 1854, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, and not exceeding 14 years, should my services be required; and the Company being done away with, I feel aggrieved at being kept in the country, doing duty as a soldier. I consider myself entitled to a free discharge, or a fresh bounty on joining Her Majesty's service. 10.—Bombardier James Hunter.

No. 8,694. Gunner *James Smith*, 3d, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in Dublin, in March 1855, for the late Company's Infantry, for a term of 10 years, and not exceeding 12, provided the said Company required my services so long. I was 3 months and 20 days at Warley, when I was transferred from the infantry to the artillery. The Company does not require my services any longer, and I put in my claim for a free discharge and free passage to Europe. 11.—Gunner James Smith, 3d.

No. 8,503. Gunner *James Smith*, 2d, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted on the 30th March 1855, in London, to serve the East India Company's Artillery, for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14 if required. I feel aggrieved now at soldiering against my will in Her Majesty's East India forces, as I never was attested or sworn in for Her Majesty's forces, and I consider myself a free man. 12.—Gunner James Smith, 2d.

No. 10,026. Gunner *William Clayton*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted to serve the East India Company, on the 17th March 1858. I wish to be sent back to the place where I enlisted, because the Company is broken up, and I have not enlisted to serve for the Queen. 13.—Gunner William Clayton.

No. 7,878. Gunner *Daniel Hanningham*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country, as I never enlisted for Her Majesty's service. I enlisted for the East India Company's service alone. I claim a free passage to Ireland. 14.—Gunner Daniel Hanningham.

No. 8,215. Gunner *George Clark*, 1st, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved by being detained in this country, doing duty as a soldier. I consider myself entitled to my discharge, and a free passage to Europe, where I enlisted, because I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and not in Her Majesty's forces. I enlisted on the 25th April 1854. 15.—Gunner George Clark, 1st.

No. 9,157. Gunner *George Clark*, 2d, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted on the 5th March 1857, in Wales, for the East India Company, and I do not see why 16.—Gunner Clark, 2d.

why I am to be kept in this country, unless re-enlisted, or I am entitled to my discharge. I do not consider myself as ever having been enlisted for Her Majesty's forces.

17.—Gunner John Carmichael.

No. 8,279. Gunner *John Carmichael*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the East India Company in 1854, and the Government having taken over this country, I feel aggrieved that no bounty, or offer of free discharge, or any other offer has been made.

18.—Gunner John Bibby.

No. 8,203. Gunner *John Bibby*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the late Company's Artillery, on the 27th March 1854, at Manchester. I feel myself aggrieved at being detained in this country, having been neither enlisted or attested to serve in Her Majesty's forces. I claim myd ischarge, and to be sent back to where I enlisted.

19.—Gunner George Forrest.

No. 9,168. Gunner *George Forrest*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I was enlisted for the East India Company, in February 1857, at Edinburgh, for the period of 12 years, provided the said Company should require my services so long. I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country as a soldier, and I think I am entitled to a discharge and free passage home to where I enlisted, now the East India Company has ceased to exist.

20.—Gunner Adam Carson.

No. 9,100. Gunner *Adam Carson*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country soldiering, when I think I am entitled to a passage home and discharge free, upon the grounds that I enlisted, on the 23d August 1856, for the East India Company, for 12 years, provided the said Company required my services so long; it cannot want them now, as the East India Company does not exist.

21.—Gunner Michael Sullivan.

No. 9,753. Gunner *Michael Sullivan*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I do not consider myself a soldier at all. I enlisted 15th September 1857, for the East India Company. There is now no East India Company, and I have not been enlisted for Her Majesty's forces, although I served 10 years in Her Majesty's 67th Regiment, and was discharged under the Ten Years' Act, in September 1857.

22.—Gunner Daniel Shannon.

No. 8,059. Gunner *Daniel Shannon*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in 1853, for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 12 years, should the Company require my services so long. I feel aggrieved that I should be detained in the country, since there is now no Company, and I therefore don't consider myself a soldier.

23.—Gunner Charles William Henry.

No. 7,771. Gunner *Charles William Henry*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took the oath on enlistment in December 1852, to serve the Honourable East India Company, at London, for the period of 12 years, 14 if required, provided they required my services. The Company being no longer in existence, I do not consider that we have been justly treated. I do not know who I am serving; our services have been transferred without bounty, or even being informed of the intentions of the Government.

24.—Gunner Patrick M'Grath.

No. 8,480. Gunner *Patrick M'Grath*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted in the county Armagh, on the 7th December 1854, for the Honourable East India Company, and attested for that service for a period of 12 years, or two more if required. The Queen has now taken over the country from the Company, and I consider myself a civilian. I claim my discharge and passage to Ireland.

25.—Gunner Alexander Boyd.

No. 10,024. Gunner *Alexander Boyd*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the East India Company at Belfast, on the 8th February 1858, for the term of 12 years, or two years in addition, if required; now that the Company is broken up, I consider myself no longer a soldier, and consider myself entitled to my discharge and free passage to where I enlisted.

26.—Gunner William Comber.

No. 8,526. Gunner *William Comber*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, at Cardiff, 23d December 1854, and as the Company is no longer in existence, I don't consider that I am required, or legally bound to serve in Her Majesty's forces.

27.—Gunner Richard Hicks.

No. 8,172. Gunner *Richard Hicks*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took an oath to serve in the late East India Company's military forces, and enlisted on the 15th April 1854, at Westminster, to serve for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14 years if required, and I never took an oath to serve in Her Majesty's East India forces, and I feel myself aggrieved in having to serve against my will in Her Majesty's said East India military forces, without having been attested or sworn to serve in those said forces.

28.—Gunner Michael Connell.

No. 8,096. Gunner *Michael Connell*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, on the 27th October 1853, at London, and produces his small book in evidence. I have not since enlisted to serve in Her Majesty's army, and as the East India Company is no longer existing, I consider myself entitled to a free discharge and passage home. I feel aggrieved at being detained now since Her Majesty has taken over the country from the East India Company.

29.—Gunner John M'Dermott, 2d.

No. 1,079. Gunner *John M'Dermott*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, on the 8th April 1858, and since the Company is dissolved. I consider myself no longer a soldier. I claim my discharge or the option of re enlisting into Her Majesty's forces.

No. 8,625. Gunner *Samuel Craven*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted into the East India Company's army, 17th May 1855, for a term of 12 years, or two in addition should my services be so long required. I have never enlisted to serve in Her Majesty's army, and the East India Company being broken up, I consider I am no longer a soldier, and claim a free passage to Europe. 30.—Gunner Samuel Craven.

No. 4,438. Gunner *Denis Noonan*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted on the 1st July 1845, at Cork, for the East India Company. I was drunk or half drunk when I enlisted, and got sorry when I got sober, so did not go near the recruiting serjeant for five or six days or so. I was at work driving a horse, when the recruiting serjeant took me up as a deserter. I was sent out to this country, never sworn or nothing, nor brought before a magistrate, and only got part of my bounty, I forget how much. If I could get the balance of my bounty I would be glad of it. I wish for my discharge upon the grounds of irregular enlistment. I have made this complaint twice before, but never got satisfaction. 31.—Gunner Denis Noonan.

No. 9,775. Gunner *Guy Todd*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted on the 15th September 1857, to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, according as the said Company should require my services. Since that the Company is no more; I don't consider myself a soldier, never having been enlisted or attested to serve in Her Majesty's forces. 32.—Gunner Guy Todd.

No. 9,962. Gunner *Thomas Sullivan*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 15th April 1858, for the period of 12 years. I was sworn in for the East India Company alone, and as the Company no longer exists, I consider myself a civilian entitled to discharge, or the option of re-enlisting. 33.—Gunner Thomas Sullivan.

No. 3,122. Bugler *Thomas Ward*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, at Cawnpore, in 1851. Since the Company's rule is at an end, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, and that I am now not a soldier. I consider it a hard case that the buglers of the Royal Artillery receive a higher rate of pay than the buglers of the late India Company. 34.—Bugler Thomas Ward.

Quartermaster Serjeant *Joseph Marshall*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I was enlisted and attested the 21st November 1854, in London, to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and for two years in addition, if required. The East India Company's territories having been transferred to the Crown, I consider myself released from the engagement, and that I am entitled to a fresh bounty or discharge. I wish to obtain the opportunity of serving in the Royal army, and consider that I am entitled to an option in this matter upon the plea before stated, that the Company I was sworn to serve does not now exist. In the event of its being decided that the forces of the late Company are to continue to serve as heretofore, I am willing to serve, but should like the option of being transferred to the home army. 35.—Quartermaster Serjeant J. Marshall.

No. 9,654. Gunner *John Haddon*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, states—I don't feel contented to serve in Her Majesty's Indian forces, as I never enlisted for them; I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 22d September 1857, I think I should have had the option of discharge and being sent home, or of re-enlisting for Her Majesty's service. 36.—Gunner John Haddon.

No. 10,058. Gunner *Francis Silvey*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I enlisted on the 12th February 1858, for the East India Company's Artillery; and as the Company is now done away with, I don't consider myself a soldier, as I only enlisted to serve the Company for 12 years, if they required my services so long. I wish for my discharge and free passage to the place where I enlisted. 37.—Gunner Francis Silvey.

No. 10,023. Gunner *John Buchanan*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I consider myself aggrieved at being detained in this country; I consider myself entitled to my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 10th March 1858, and if wanted to serve in Her Majesty's army, I think I should have had the offer of bounty on re-enlistment. 38.—Gunner John Buchanan.

No. 8,130. Gunner *Thomas Davis*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states—I consider myself aggrieved at being detained in this country now that the East India Company is broken up. I enlisted to serve the Company in the Artillery in 1853. 39.—Gunner Thomas Davis.

No. 10,073. Gunner *James Holmes*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I was enlisted and attested for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery in March 1858, from which time I served, while the said Company was in existence; and as the Company is not in existence now, I do not consider myself a soldier, and I have been neither enlisted or attested to serve in Her Majesty's service, and I feel aggrieved at so doing by compulsion. 40.—Gunner James Holmes.

No. 8,412. Gunner *William Ahern*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted to serve the East India Company in November 1854, for the term of 12 years, should my services be so long required. I therefore think I am now a free man as the Company is broke up, and that I am entitled to discharge and free passage to where I enlisted. 41.—Gunner William Ahern.

42.—Gunner John Riley. No. 9,735. Gunner *John Riley*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, in September 1857, for the term of 12 years. As there is now no East India Company, I consider I am free, and entitled to my discharge and passage to Europe.

43.—Gunner James Blake. No. 8,618. Gunner *James Blake*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel very much aggrieved at the way I have been given over from one Government to another; that when East India government by the Company ended, I ought to have been re-enlisted and attested for Her Majesty's service.

44.—Gunner William Warner. No. 10,069. Gunner *William Warner*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 10th April 1858, and for nothing more. As the Company is now given over, I wish for my discharge and a free passage to England.

45.—Gunner Josiah Henderson. No. 7,725. Gunner *Josiah Henderson*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I protest against the transfer of my services from the Government of the late East India Company to the Crown without my consent. When I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery in 1852, I took the oath to serve the Company a period of 12 years, provided my services were so long required, and I believe at that time that the Company's service was entirely distinct from the Royal service, and that if I was at that time, or have been since, a servant of the Crown, I was never made aware of the fact, nor did I swear to that effect. I am given to understand that a large number of men, enlisted at Warley for the late Company, were discharged from their engagements, when the Government of India came to the Crown; and I claim my discharge and passage to England, upon the plea that when the East India Company was dissolved, I ceased to be bound to any service as a soldier.

46.—Gunner Robert M'Fetteridge. No. 6,565. Gunner *Robert M'Fetteridge*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country. I have never been sworn to serve in Her Majesty's Service. I enlisted for the East India Company on 23d October 1848.

47.—Gunner James M'Lachlan. No. 8,478. Gunner *James M'Lachlan*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company specially, on the 24th November 1854, and there was no second party prescribed on my attestation; and before taking the oath I was asked if I ever served before in any of Her Majesty's services, by land or sea, or in the Honourable East India Company's service, and I feel aggrieved at being detained here forcibly, and compelled to do the duty of a soldier. From my engagement up to the Company becoming extinct, I served to the best of my ability. I now consider myself entitled to my liberty and a free passage to Europe.

48.—Gunner George Jones. No. 8,457. Gunner *George Jones*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company in 1854, and I feel aggrieved at being kept in this country as a soldier, since the Company I engaged to serve is at an end.

49.—Gunner Robert Moore. No. 6,780. Gunner *Robert Moore*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took an oath to serve in the late East India Company's service for the term of 12 years, or 14 years if required, and further, that I never took an oath to serve in Her Majesty's East India forces; and that I feel myself aggrieved at having to serve against my will in Her Majesty's forces, without ever being sworn or attested for those said forces.

50.—Bugler Dominick Healey. No. 6,126. Bugler *Dominick Healey*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved on account of being transferred over from one Government to another. When I enlisted, I engaged to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years (14 if required), if the said Company so long required my services.

51.—Bombardier Henry Fagan. No. 8,405. Bombardier *Henry Fagan*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being detained in this country doing duty as a soldier; I enlisted for the East India Company, and for that service alone; and now that the Company is defunct, I consider myself entitled to a discharge or a re-engagement.

52.—Gunner Patrick Gallagher. No. 10,036. Gunner *Patrick Gallagher*, 2d Company. 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel inclined to get my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company in April 1858. The Company is now broken up, and I don't feel inclined to serve in Her Majesty's army, not having been enlisted in it, or attested for it.

53.—Gunner John Bane. No.——. Gunner *John Bane*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I enlisted for the Bengal Artillery in October 1857, and it grieves me very much, being detained in this country without being enlisted or attested for Her Majesty's Indian forces, or getting another bounty.

54.—Gunner James Danniell. No. 9,491. Gunner *James Danniell*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took an oath to serve in the late East India Company's Artillery, for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14 years if required, and, further, that I never took an oath to serve in Her Majesty's East India military, and that I feel myself aggrieved at having to serve against my will in Her Majesty's East India military forces, without ever being sworn or attested for those said forces.

55.—Gunner John Fry. No. 9,638. Gunner *John Fry*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I took an oath to serve in the late East India Company's Artillery for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14 if required, and further, that I never took an oath to serve in Her Majesty's East

East India military forces; and that I feel myself aggrieved at having to serve against my will in Her Majesty's East India military forces, without ever being sworn or attested for the said forces.

No. 8,366. Bombardier *Edward Smith*, No. 2 Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:— Since the transfer of the East India Company to the Crown, I consider myself legally entitled to a free discharge and passage home to Europe, and feel myself aggrieved at being detained as a soldier in Her Majesty's Indian forces. 56.—Bombardier Edward Smith.

No. 9,658. Gunner *John Hutton*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, states:—I feel aggrieved at being called upon to serve in Her Majesty's East India army, without being re-enlisted or having an offer of discharge; I enlisted in October 1857, to serve the East India Company; I do not consider myself longer a soldier; I have no complaints against the service, but I don't think we have been properly treated; I believe when the charge of the Island of St. Helena was taken by the Home Government from the India Company, the soldiers were either discharged or offered bounty to re-enlist. I am aware of the nature of the oath of allegiance which I took on enlistment, but I do not think there is anything in it to bind me as a soldier. 57.—Gunner John Hutton.

No. 9,785. Gunner *John Woods*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, being present when the above complaint was made, begs that his may be recorded in similar terms. 58.—Gunner John Woods, enlisted 2 August 1857.

No. 9,708. Gunner *William M'Cann*, and 10,039. Gunner *William Heaps*, 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, feel themselves aggrieved at being turned over to Her Majesty without an offer of discharge or re-enlistment into Her Majesty's service, having been sworn in to serve the East India Company as a soldier and no other. 59 & 60.—William M'Cann, William Heaps.

These last four soldiers were in hospital, and the Court took their statements in the Artillery Hospital.

There being no more men who have complaints to prefer, the Court closes its proceedings this day at Two o'clock, p.m. Court closes proceedings at 2 p.m.

J. Glyns,
Lieutenant Colonel, Rifle Brigade, President.
W. Barr,
Lieutenant Colonel, Artillery, Member.
J. Morrieson,
Major, Member.

Agra, 17 May 1859.

Enclosure 14, in No. 12.

(No. 1,000.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters. Encl. 14, in No. 12.

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut,
23 May 1859.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter, No. 979, of the 21st instant, I have the honour to annex, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, copy of a communication of the above date, from the Officer Commanding 5th Battalion, reporting on the behaviour of the men of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, since the disturbance which occurred in their barracks on the night of the 18th current.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

To the Officiating Assistant Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

I have the honour to state for the information of the Brigadier Commandant, that since my last report relating to the disturbance in the 2d Company, 6th Battalion Artillery, on the night of the 18th and morning of the 19th current, caused, it seems by the surreptitious admittance into barracks of some country liquor which apparently inflamed and excited the mind of the men to a state of madness, the behaviour of the Company has been most orderly and quiet. The ringleaders in the above were examined by me at the orderly room yesterday morning, and nearly all of them expressed deep contrition at the part they had individually taken. Seven of them are still confined in the prison of the 3d Battalion Rifle Brigade; I have been directed to submit their cases for the decision of higher authority. I regret to add that although I assembled a Court of Inquiry, the method by which the liquor was introduced into barracks has not been traced.

I have, &c.
W. Barr, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding Artillery Division.

Agra, 21 May 1859.

(No. 521.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 31 May 1859.

Enclosure 15, in No. 12.

(No. 102.)

Encl. 15, in No. 12. From Brigadier *Chute*, Commanding at Lucknow, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Simla.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, the accompanying satisfactory letter from Major Mackinnon, C.B., commanding 3/1 Bengal Artillery, and No. 17, Field Battery, relative to the good conduct of his men subsequent to reading the General Order on the bounty and re-enlistment question.

I have, &c.
J. Chute, Brigadier,
Commanding at Lucknow.

Lucknow, 24 May 1859.

(No. 93.)

Sir, Lucknow, 19 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Brigadier commanding, that the General Order lately issued regarding the inadmissibility of re-enlistment and bounty to the European troops of the late East India Company, was read to the men of my company on Monday last; and I have much satisfaction in stating that on being asked if they were satisfied, not a man made a complaint, nor has there been a symptom of discontent of any kind in this company.

I have, &c.
W. A. Mackinnon, Major,
Commanding 3d Company, 1st Battalion,
Bengal Artillery.

To the Major of Brigade,
Lucknow.

(No. 522.)

FORWARDED by direction of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 31 May 1859.

Enclosure 16, in No. 12.

(No. 86.)

Encl. 16, in No. 12. From Brigadier *Chute*, Commanding at Lucknow, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Simla.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward the enclosed letter for the information of his Excellency the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.
J. Chute, Brigadier,
Commanding at Lucknow.

Lucknow, 18 May 1859.

(No. 61.)

Sir, Lucknow, 16 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report that, as directed by brigade orders of yesterday's date, I read over to the men of my company the General Order, G. G. of 8th April last, which decides that the soldiers of the late East India Company's army are entitled neither to discharge or re-enlistment with bounty.

After the parade was dismissed two men 9,591, James Bennett, and 9,788, Richard Walsh (both men of about 15 months' service), came before me, at orderly room, and stated that they considered they were entitled to their discharge.

On my explaining that other men at Meerut had preferred the same claim, and that their grounds of complaint were now being collected by a special Court of Inquiry for submission to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, they both stated they were willing and contented to leave their cause in his hands.

That they could urge nothing in support of their claim beyond what would be sure to be submitted by other men before the Court of Inquiry.

And that they only wanted the Commander in Chief to know that they considered themselves hardly dealt with, in order that he might again look into their claim.

I have, &c.
H. A. Olpherts, Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Bengal Artillery, Lucknow.
J. Chute, Brigadier,
Commanding at Lucknow.

To Brigadier Major, Lucknow.

(No. 523.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 31 May 1859.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 17, in No. 12.

(No. 73.)

To the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Simla. Encl. 17, in No. 12.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter, No. 71, dated the 20th instant, I have now the honour to transmit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, the enclosed original reports of date severally the 17th and 18th instants, Nos. 7 C. & 8 C. from Captain F. T. Wroughton, commanding the 6th Bengal European Regiment, detailing further proceedings adopted by him, consequent on the feeling of discontent and insubordination partially manifested in the corps, the conduct of which latterly is represented to be perfectly orderly, as I have already notified for Lord Clyde's information, through the Chief of the Staff, by telegraph.

With regard to the mischievous and unwarrantable conduct of the Roman Catholic priest, Father Josaphat, I beg to report my having solicited the interposition of Government, in view to his being summarily removed from Hazareebaugh.

I have, &c.
G. Campbell, Major General,
Commanding Benares and Dinapore Division.

Assistant Adjutant General's Office,
Dinapore Division, Benares,
22 May 1859.

(No. 7 C.)

To Major *W. Lydiard*, Assistant Adjutant General, Dinapore Division.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter, No. 6 C. of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report that no further discontent has shown itself, and that some of the men under punishment have again come forward to express their contrition; but as they had deceived me once before, I did not consider myself justified in listening to them, and told them that after they had completed their punishment they might be allowed to express their feelings.

I have much pleasure in stating, for the information of the Major General, that (with the exception of these few recruits under punishment, I believe the best feeling exists in the regiment, though, of course, some anxiety prevails regarding the settlement of this bounty question; but the men are most respectful and obedient, and I have, in order to keep their

minds quiet, and to show them that every opportunity will be afforded to the good soldier to make known his grievances, assembled a station Court of Inquiry, consisting of my second in command, and two captains to inquire into whatever the men may have to advance. I hope this, together with the severe punishment with which I am visiting those who persist in error, will have the very best effect.

Whilst, however, I make known the state of the regiment, I beg most urgently to bring to the notice of Major General Commanding, the conduct of Father Josaphat who, though relieved from his clerical duties, still resides here, and in order to revenge himself on Government, instils mutiny and sedition into the minds of the young soldiers. I was yesterday informed by Father Camillus (the present priest), that he had himself heard Father Josaphat commit himself to the men, and begged that I would take some steps to have him removed from Hazareebaugh.

However anxious I may be to get rid of a man of Father Josaphat's well known reputation, I felt I have legally no authority over him, and I consequently applied to Colonel Simpson, Assistant Commissioner, for advice, but that officer informs me that he has no power to assist me in the matter as regards the removal of Father Josaphat. To caution the priest not to hold communication with the men, would only, in my opinion, end in his communicating with them more secretly, which would be in no way desirable, and unless, therefore, he can be removed altogether I think nothing had better be said to him.

I have, &c.
F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commanding 6th European Regiment.

(No. 8 C.)

Sir, Hazareebaugh, 18 May 1859.

I HAVE nothing further to report with regard to the state of the regiment, but am happy to state that everything appears to have settled down to its usual quietness. The men are very quiet and orderly in every respect, and duty is carried on as usual.

2. The insubordination and discontent were confined to a very few; and although, as before stated, the older soldiers are no doubt anxiously looking out for the settlement of the question, they showed no symptoms of positive mutiny, but, on the contrary, conducted themselves remarkably well.

I have, &c.
F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commanding 6th European Regiment.

To Major W. Lydiard, Assist. Adj. Gen.
Dinapore Division.

My dear Wroughton,

ANY arbitrary removal of this Roman Catholic priest from Hazareebaugh might not have a good effect, and would scarcely be justified by law; but I should suppose you might caution his holding intercourse with your men, if you have good grounds for considering it necessary to do so.

Yours,
16 May 1859. *J. Simpson.*

(No. 524.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 31 May 1859.

Enclosure 18, in No. 12.

Encl. 18, in No. 12.

(No. 242.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p. m., 2d June. TROOPS orderly.

Enclosure 19, in No. 12.

(No. 330.)

FOR the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General of India. Encl. 19, in No. 12.

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p.m., 3d June. TROOPS tranquil.

Enclosure 20, in No. 12.

(No. 451.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 20, in No. 12.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p.m., 4th June. TROOPS orderly.

Enclosure 21, in No. 12.

(No. 470.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 21, in No. 12.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p.m., 5th June. TROOPS orderly.

Enclosure 22, in No. 12.

(No. 614.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 22, in No. 12.

From Lucknow.—From Brigadier *Chute*.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

6 p.m., 6th June. TROOPS tranquil.

Enclosure 23, in No. 12.

(No. 235.)

Office Memorandum, Military Department, 6th June 1859. Encl. 23, in No. 12.

THE undersigned has the honour to request that the Town Major, Fort William, will be so good as to transmit immediately to this department the attestation certificate of Corporal J. Moss, a native of London, a watchglass maker by trade, attested at Liverpool, 14th March 1848.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To the Town Major,
Fort William.

Enclosure 24, in No. 12.

(No. 1136.)

From Lieutenant-Col. *O. Cavenagh*, Town Major, to Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C. B., Secretary to Government, Military Department. Encl. 24, in No. 12.

Sir,

WITH reference to your memorandum, No. 255, of this date, I have the honour to forward herewith the attestation certificate of Corporal J. Moss, attested at Liverpool on the 12th March 1858.

I have, &c.
O. Cavenagh, Lieut. Colonel,
Town Major.

Town Major's Office,
Fort William, 6 June 1859.

Enclosure 25, in No. 12.

(No. 285.—Military Department.)

Encl. 25, in No. 12. From the Secretary to the Government of India to the Judge Advocate General.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect has been this day despatched to you:—

'Yesterday I received 40 pages of your printed proceedings. Pray send five more copies; and whenever you send more sheets, send always six copies. Corporal Moss's attestation was despatched to you yesterday."

Council Chamber, Fort William,
7 June 1859.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

Enclosure 26, in No. 12.

Encl. 26, in No. 12. PROCEEDINGS of a Special Court of Inquiry assembled at Meerut, on the 9th of May 1859, by order of Major General *J. F. Bradford*, C.B., Commanding the Meerut Division, under Instructions from his Excellency General Lord *Clyde*, G.C.B., Commander in Chief.

President, Brigadier R. Horsford, Bengal Artillery.

Members: Lieutenant Colonel A. Huyshe, Bengal Artillery; Lieutenant Colonel W. Radcliffe, Her Majesty's 75th Foot.

Lieutenant Colonel K. Young, Judge Advocate General of the Army, conducting the Proceedings.

Meerut, Monday, 9 May 1859.

THE Court assembles at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Artillery Mess House, pursuant to Division Orders of yesterday's date.

Appendix (A.) Read and attach to the proceedings (Appendix A.) a letter of instructions from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Meerut Division, with annexures.

The Court decide upon calling in first the men of the 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Bengal Horse Artillery.

Appendix (B.) The whole troop is accordingly called in succession as per accompanying list (Appendix B.) and the usual warning prescribed by the Military Regulations for those making statements at Courts of Inquiry being dispensed with by order, each man is invited to come forward and prefer any complaint he may have to make.

Those marked "content" in the list all state individually that they have no complaint to make whatever. They are ordered to return to their barracks, and the Court proceeds to inquire into the alleged grievances of the other men of the troop.

1st Complainant, Bombardier T. A. Cocker. Bombardier *T. A. Cocker*, born in India, a clerk, attested at Meerut on the 9th December 1854, is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate:

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—I enlisted for the late East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, and two more, if required; the said Company being dead to all intents and purposes, I consider myself entitled to a discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it. I was attested at this station in 1854. I was born in this country, and have never been out of it.

Have you ever complained about this before?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, or if you took any when you were attested?—Yes, to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, which I am ready to do still; but not to serve her as a soldier.

Look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is shown to the Complainant*), and say if this is the oath you took?—Yes, that is the oath I took to be a liege to Her Majesty, which I am at present; to obey all her officers, which I have done; but I didn't swear to serve Her Majesty as a soldier.

Do you know what difference there is between the oath you took and that taken by men who enlisted for Her Majesty's army at home?—No.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament taking the army of India into the service of Her Majesty?—I haven't particularly seen it, but I know the nature of it; but that Act wasn't in force when I enlisted.

But by that Act all soldiers of the late Company are declared to be soldiers of Her Majesty, with all the rights and privileges they possessed before; how can you say that you are not a soldier under that Act which declares what the law is?—There was nothing about that when I enlisted, and I was never attested to serve Her Majesty, or I should have been proud to do so.

What is it that you now want?—My present wish is to get my discharge and go to Australia, but I don't know that I may do that.

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Do you know of any one except recruits who take an oath similar to that which you took on attestation?—No, I can't say I do; but I have understood it is taken by civilians and by special constables.

Have you any grievance of any other kind to complain of?—No, sir, none of any kind whatever.

Supposing that when India was taken over by Her Majesty, you and all the other soldiers of the Company had been discharged at once, do you think you would have had any grievance?—I can't say that, for I should have had the option of listing over again, and I should have expected a free passage to Australia or home.

[Withdraws.

2d Complainant, Bombardier H. Hamilton.

Bombardier *H. Hamilton*, a native of Glasgow, a farrier, attested on the 16th December 1854, is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate:

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—Yes (*Complainant hands in a written Statement containing his complaint, which is read and entered, as follows*):

To his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

From Bombardier *Hamilton* of the late East India Company.

Your humble Bombardier Hamilton distinctly understood when he agreed to serve the East India Company, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India as it has done, by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858, its claims upon him also ceased, and therefore begs to submit for your Excellency's attention the following arguments in his behalf:

1. In my attestation, I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, provided it so long required my services. Now the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist; and as there is no Company, they cannot require my services any longer; therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation; but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate, consequently it does not form part of my attestation; it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally, as being one of her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have lost it; I was attested at Glasgow.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 10 or 12 years, if required.

Look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule of the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182 *and* 183, *is shown to the Complainant*), and say if you didn't take this oath?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, not that I remember, about Her Majesty; but I did the latter part about the Company; it is very singular how we could be turned over without a single question being asked us.

Do you know at all what difference there is in the oath that you say you took and that taken by men enlisting for Her Majesty's service?—Yes, there is a difference; it is well known that they enlisted to serve Her Majesty, and I listed to serve the Company.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament, or heard of it, by which the Army of India was taken into the service of Her Majesty?—No, I have only heard of it that the Company was done away with, and that Her Majesty had taken it into her own hand.

Do you know what an Act of Parliament is?—Yes, a company of Lords sitting together.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, nothing else; I merely want my discharge, or a fresh enlistment. I don't wish to be turn over like a slave or dead stock.

Do you know who it is that has turned you over as you say in this way?—No, I don't know; but I am well aware that it's no one here as has done it.

Suppose you had gone on soldiering under the Company, would you have been a bit better off than you are now?—No; but I thought the pension of the Company would be better than the Queen's.

But don't you know that under the Act of Parliament all the privileges of the Company's soldiers as to pay and pension, &c. are secured to them?—But they might die away in time, and the service that the Company's soldier has to perform is lighter than the Queen's soldier has to do. They have to clean their horses, which we might be called upon to do.

Have you not received a higher rate of pay since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes; as a gunner I got two rupees more a month, since the Royal Artillery came to the country, and I get more as a bombardier, but I don't know how much.

Do you know what bounty is given on re-enlistment?—No, I don't know; but when I enlisted I got 6*l.*, out of which I had to buy my kit, leaving me about 3*l.*

[Withdraws.

3d Complainant, Bombardier E. Winther.

Bombardier *E. Winther*, born at Dover, a baker, attested at Westminster on the 11th October 1845, is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—I have; I feel very grieved at being forced to serve the Crown, after listing for the Company's service.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes; here it is (*the Complainant here hands in his attestation paper, which is attached to the proceedings* (*Appendix* (*C.*))

Appendix (C.)

Do you remember what oath it was that you took when attested; look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*) and say if this is the one?—I might have taken it; but I don't remember taking the first part of it. I took the latter part of it; I took the oath of allegiance.

Do you know at all what difference there is between the oath taken by men enlisting for Her Majesty's service and that you took?—No, I do not.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament, or heard of it, by which the army of the Company was taken into the service of Her Majesty?—Yes; I believe it was brought in by Lord Derby, this year.

You know that you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty by that Act?—Yes; but that Act was not out when I enlisted; I didn't list under that Act.

Supposing that, under that Act, Her Majesty had declared that she had no further occasion for the service of the Company's army, should you have felt yourself aggrieved?—No, I shouldn't have felt myself aggrieved in the least.

What is your object now?—To get my discharge, that I might go home and see my friends.

Suppose you had gone on soldiering under the Company, would you have been a bit better off than you are now?—Yes; I don't know, I might have been in a better situation.

Is there any place that is now shut to you that would have been open had the army remained under the Company?—Not that I am aware of.

You are aware that all the privileges of pay and pensions that you enjoyed under the Company are secured to you, now that the Indian army has been taken over by Her Majesty?—Yes, sir.

Besides this, have you received any addition to your pay since the Royal Artillery came to this country?—Yes; I don't exactly know; but, as a gunner, I got about *Rs.* 1. 14 a month more; I don't know what it is as bombardier.

Have you suffered in any way, that you can think of, since the army was taken into the service of Her Majesty, or do you expect to suffer in any way?—No; not in any way, sir.

Well, what is it that you consider as a particular grievance?—Why, sir, I don't think the Government at home is acting fair to me, in transferring me to the Crown without re-enlisting me.

You know that you were transferred by an Act of Parliament, by the law of the land, do you not?—Yes, but that Act of Parliament was not out when I enlisted; and I remember reading a speech made by Lord Palmerston in the House, that when India was taken by the Crown, all servants of the Company that liked would be allowed to take their discharge or be re-enlisted.

Have you anything further to state, or any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

4th Complainant, Gunner J. Bain.

Gunner *J. Bain*, a native of Leith, a blacksmith, attested at Edinburgh on the 4th January 1855, is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make, if so, state it?—Yes (*Complainant hands in a written statement, containing his complaint, which is read and entered*):

"STATEMENT of Gunner *John Bain*, of the late East India Company's Artillery.

"I distinctly understood, when I agreed to serve the East India Company, that when that Company should cease to hold power in India (as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in 1858), that its claim upon me also ceased, and therefore beg to submit the following arguments in my behalf:

"1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing the said Company should so far require my services. Now the East India Company, so far as regards me, has ceased to exist; and as there is now no Company, they cannot require my services any longer, therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

"2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

"3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation, but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently, as it does not form a part of my attestation, it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally, being one of her subjects."

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No; I lost it at Delhi. It was like that one (*Complainant alludes to Bombardier Winther's attestation paper, which had been shown to him*).

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*).—No; I didn't take the first part of the oath, to serve Her Majesty; I took the latter part of the oath, without the word "also"; I should have considered I was committing a mortal sin had I taken a wrong oath, and I remember what oath I took; I was sworn at Edinburgh. I am a native of Leith.

Have

Have you seen the Act of Parliament, or heard of it, by which the army of India was transferred to Her Majesty?—No, sir; I heard the General Order read the other morning.

Do you know what authority it was that transferred you to the service of Her Majesty?—No, I do not.

Suppose you had gone on soldiering under the Company, would you have been a bit better off than you are at present?—Not a bit, I don't think.

Then, what have you particularly to complain of?—Why, I don't like to be made over, without my consent, to serve Her Majesty; but, if I was to be re-enlisted, I should go o soldiering again. I now have made my complaint, and don't wish to go further.

Have you received any advantages in point of pay since the Royal Artillery came to th country?—Yes, since the beginning of 1858, I have received an addition of two rupees month.

Are you aware that all your privileges, as to pay and pension, &c., are secured to you, since the Indian army was taken over by Her Majesty?—No, I am not aware of it.

The Court informs him that such is the case.

Have you any further grievance?—Nothing further.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at four o'clock p.m., till To-morrow, Tuesday, at eleven o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Tuesday*, 18 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembles at eleven o'clock, a.m. All present as yesterday.

Lieutenant Colonel Husyhe hands into Court a comparative table showing the rate of pay of the Bengal Horse and Foot Artillery, before and after the arrival of the Royal Artillery in India.

The table is attached to the proceedings (Appendix (D.)) Appendix (D.)

The Court also procure and attach to the proceedings (Appendix (E.)) a blank form of the attestation paper of recruits in this country. Appendix (E.)

This paper is understood to be the same in every respect as that filled in by the attesting magistrate at home, who disposes of it by sending it to the usual place of deposit in England, a duplicate of the same like that furnished to Bombardier Winther (Appendix (C.)) being given to the recruit. In this country a copy of the attestation in full, like (Appendix (E.)) is given to the recruit instead of the abbreviated duplicate as at home.

The black lines in the attestation form (Appendix (E.)) with the alterations made in it, serve to show the difference between the present and the former mode of attestation.

The Court also attach to the proceedings (Appendix (F.)) an extract from the speech of Lord Palmerston, as alluded to by Bombardier E. Winther, the 3d complainant. Appendix (F.)

Gunner *T. Bain* (2), a native of Liverpool, a moulder, attested on the 6th July 1856, is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 5th Complainant, Gunner T. Bain.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Being transferred over to the Crown, having been enlisted in Edinburgh for the East India Company, having been listed for the Company, I consider it a grievance to be turned over to Her Majesty without being consulted.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, but I did not bring it with me, but it is just the very same as this (*Complainant refers to the one that is shown to him* (*Appendix* (C.)), *Bombar-Winther's attestation*).

Do you remember the oath you took when attested. Look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—No, I didn't take the first part of the oath, I did the latter part. I merely took an oath to serve the Company for 12 years. I consider that when I was before the magistrate I was answering every question he put to me on my oath.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament by which the Government of India was made over to the Crown?—Yes, I recollect seeing it at the time that it came out to this country. I remember seeing it in the "Times."

You know that it was by that Act which is now a part of the law of the land, and that you and other soldiers of the Company's army were taken into the service of Her Majesty?—Yes, I believe so, sir.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you know of any way in which you are likely to suffer, by being so transferred?—No, sir, I do not, only that I ought to have been acknowledged in it.

What is your particular object now, in stating the transfer to be a hardship?—Because I wish to get home, sir; I consider myself a free man. I want to be sent home, or to be allowed to be re-enlisted.

Have you received any advantage in point of pay since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—We got a rise of pay in January last year, but if we were servants of Her Majesty we ought to have got our arrears from the time we came to this country.

Are you aware that all your privileges as to pay and pension, &c., are secured to you since the Indian army was taken over by Her Majesty?—Yes, I am well aware of this.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

Did you ever make this present grievance known before to your officer?—No, not until Monday the 2d.

Why didn't you speak to your officers?—Because we heard that a complaint had been made to the Commander in Chief, and that he had wrote to the Governor General who had written home, and we were waiting for the answer. It was read out to us on the previous Saturday, and we complained on the Monday.

[Withdraws.

6th Complainant, Gunner W. Baxter.

Gunner *W. Baxter*, born at Leeds, a tobacconist, attested at Liverpool on the 31st May 1857, is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I listed I was given to understand that I enlisted to serve he Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required, and the said Company being no more, I don't think they require my services any longer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Look at this attestation paper (*Bombardier Winther's is shown to him*) and say if yours is like this?—Yes, sir, the same.

Do you remember the oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the first part of the oath, but I did take the other, about the Company.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament by which the Company's army was made over to Her Majesty?—Yes, sir.

You know that that Act is part of the law of the land now?—No, sir.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer by being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Well, I don't think it right. I think I should have been better off in point of clothing.

(The Complainant on being further questioned on this point is unable to explain how his clothing is in any way affected by the transfer. He refers particularly to his khakee clothing which he says is more expensive than the white, as when it gets stained the men have to put it on one side.)

Have you not had an increase of pay since the Royal Artillery came to this country?—Yes, about two rupees a month.

Are you aware that all your privileges as to pay and pension, &c., are secured to you by the Act transferring you to the Crown?—Oh, yes, I understand that.

Did you ever complain to your officers about this matter?—No.

Why not?—I complained yesterday and about a week ago.

Have you any other grievance besides the present one?—No, only that I wish for my discharge.

Do you want to go home or to re-enlist if you were discharged?—I could not make a decided answer about that.

[Withdraws.

7th Complainant, Gunner W. Clinton.

Gunner *W. Clinton*, a native of Liverpool, a brass-founder, enlisted at London on the 30th May 1853, is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have nothing more to say than that when I was sworn in I didn't take an oath to serve Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I left it when we went to Lucknow, and it was out of my box when we returned.

Look at this attestation paper (*Bombardier Winther's is shown to him*) and say if yours was like this?—Yes, I believe it was.

Do you remember what oath you took (*the oath in the Schedule of the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember taking this oath. I did take an oath. I couldn't say exactly what oath I took.

Have you seen the Act of Parliament by which India was made over to the Crown?—Yes, I believe I read it.

Do you know that it was by that Act, which is part of the law of the land now, that you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Yes, I know this.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer by being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—No, only in this way, that I think if we are transferred we ought to have all the privileges of the Queen's service, such as volunteering into regiments going home.

(The complainant on endeavouring to explain what he refers to, allows that he is mistaken about the advantages he was thinking of, that he forgot that it was for staying in this country that volunteering is allowed.)

Examination resumed.

You know that by the Act all your former privileges as to pay and pension, &c., are secured to you?—Yes; I wasn't exactly sure of it, but I know it now.

Have you received any addition to your pay since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes, about two rupees a month.

What is your object in making your present complaint?—I'd like it to be optional whether I took a fresh bounty or took my discharge.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—None, sir.

When

When did you first complain in the present matter, and to whom?—Here yesterday for the first time.

Why didn't you complain before to your officer?—I hadn't an opportunity of complaining before. I came forward when I was asked on parade, on the 2d, by my officer.

[Withdraws.

8th Complainant, Gunner P. Collier.

Gunner *P. Collier*, a native of Carlow, attested at Carlow on the 8th April 1858, is called into Court, and asked:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir, there's my complaint (*he hands in a written statement, which is read and entered.*)

To His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India.

From Gunner *Patrick Collier*, of the late East India Company.

Your humble Gunner distinctly understood, when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India, as it has done by an Act of Parliament, passed in July 1858, its claims upon him also ceased, and begs therefore to submit to your Excellency's attention the following arguments in his behalf;

1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing that it so long required my services. Now, the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company, it cannot require my services, therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance in argument against me; now it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present position, why does it not form part of my attestation, but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently, as it does not form part of the attestation, it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally as being one of her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at home, I didn't bring it out to this country.

(The complainant is unable to read, but on the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act being explained to him, he says there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath he took, that he took an oath to serve the East India Company only.)

Examination resumed.

How long is it since you joined the troop?—I think it's about three months.

What is your object or wish in making your present complaint?—I'd like to get my discharge and go home, now that the Company's done away with.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—I have no more except that I want to go home.

Do you know that now you are in Her Majesty's service, you have all the rights and privileges secured to you that you would have had under the Company?—I had rather have remained with the Company.

When did you first complain about this business?—Lately, when the rest did.

[Withdraws.

9th Complainant, Gunner A. Deane.

Gunner *A. Deane* (a native of Roxburghshire, a blacksmith, attested in Edinburgh on the 28th December 1855), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel aggrieved at being transferred to the Crown, without being listed over again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember whether it was like this (*Bombardier Winther's is shown to him*)?—Yes, it was equally the same.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—I only took one of them, that about the Company, I didn't take any oath of allegiance, not that I remember.

Did you ever see the Act of Parliament transferring India to the Crown?—I have heard about it, but I didn't see it myself.

Do you know that by that Act, which is now a part of the law of England, you were declared to be in the service of Her Majesty; but that all the privileges you possessed before as a Company's soldier were secured to you?—Yes, sir, I am quite aware of that.

Have you suffered in any way whatever, or are you afraid of being made to suffer in any way by being so transferred?—No; but we ought to have been allowed the privilege of taking our discharge, or of enlisting over again.

What would be your wish if you had the option?—Why, I couldn't exactly say, sir, till I get the opportunity.

Since the Royal Artillery came to the country have you had any increase to your pay?—Yes, two rupees odd a month.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

When did you first complain in this matter?—Yesterday, when we were all ordered to come down here to make our complaints.

[Withdraws.

10th Compiainant, Gunner J. Flemming.

Gunner *J. Flemming* (born at Cawnpore, in India, entertained as a half pay trumpeter, and attested at Lahore in 1851), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes; I was given to understand when I enlisted, that I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, and not for Her Majesty's Service, as it has become since July 1858.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not; I don't think I ever had a duplicate given to me.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this oath and say if it was like this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pages* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Not to my knowledge; I don't think I did; I don't remember it. In fact, I don't think I ought to have been enlisted when I was. I was quite a boy at the time.

Have you suffered in any way, or are you afraid of suffering in any way by being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Not for the present, but I don't know for the future. I can't say I'm aggrieved, because we have had an increase to our pay; but we would have liked to have been asked whether we wished to remain or not; and I remember reading in the Military Gazette when I was out at Jhujjur, about two months ago, that Lord Palmerston said, that every man ought to have the right of discharge or of re-enlisting; and this is what the men are building upon.

Do you know what authority it is that has transferred you to the service of Her Majesty?—No, I can't say what it was. I don't understand what the law is. We merely heard the proclamation that was read out to us the other day; and till then every man expected that he would be allowed to take his discharge.

Why had they that opinion?—I saw that many men got letters out from England, saying that they were sure of getting their discharge, and they were quite disappointed when the order was read, saying it had been given against them.

You know that you are all bound to obey an Act of Parliament?—Yes; and we are all ready to obey an Act of Parliament, but we have made up our minds that if the matter had gone before Parliament, it would have been given in our favour, and that we should have been allowed to re-enlist.

When did you first complain in the matter?—I done just the same as my comrades did. I wasn't on parade on the 2d instant, but I was asked the question in a very curious way on guard, by a non-commissioned officer, whether I was a contented or a discontended soldier; and I didn't choose to answer. I never made a complaint, but as I see'd the rest of the men acting up for their rights, I thought I might do the same. I only made my complaint yesterday for the first time.

What is your object, or wish in complaining now?—I am of opinion that I never enlisted to serve Her Majesty, and I wish to get my chance of discharge or re-enlisting.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, nothing more; I only wish to have my option of discharge, or re-enlistment; and as we are given to understand our case is to be laid before Parliament, whatever decision they may come to we must of course abide by it.

[Withdraws.

11th Complainant, Gunner J. Ford.

Gunner *J. Ford* (born at Uxbridge, in Middlesex, engine fitter, attested at Westminster on the 12th April 1858), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is against the Act of Parliament that was passed, making me serve unjustly.

How do you consider that you are made to serve unjustly?—Because I was enlisted to serve the East India Company, and now that there is no Company I don't see how they can require my services.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this oath (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I recollect having taken the last one, but I can't say about the first one.

Have you suffered in any way or are you afraid of suffering in any way by being made over to Her Majesty?—No, no further than that I was thrown out of a good situation by the transfer. I was holding a situation as cap-maker in the percussion factory at Dum-Dum. I don't mention this as a grievance, but I was informed by Captain Darling that a number of hands were turned off, and the numbers reduced on account of the transfer to the Crown.

(Complainant is informed by the Court on his producing and showing his discharge certificate from the factory that he is in error in supposing that his discharge was in any way caused by the transfer in question. It appearing to be in consequence of the establishment being reduced).

Examination resumed.

Do you know under what authority it was that you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—By an Act of Parliament I believe, sir.

What is your object or wish now in making your complaint?—Either to get my discharge, or to be re-enlisted under a fresh oath.

To get a fresh bounty?—No, not exactly to get a fresh bounty.

When did you first make your complaint?—On Monday week on the 2d May.

Why did you not complain before?—Because we were not told of it before then. We were told on the Saturday when the order was read on parade.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, I have no other grievance.

The Complainant, on the above being read over to him, states that he doesn't see how it could be necessary to pass an Act of Parliament transferring his services to Her Majesty, if the oath of allegiance that he took made him a soldier of Her Majesty's army.

[Withdraws.

It being four o'clock the Court adjourns till eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Wednesday*, 11 *May* 1859.

The Court meet at eleven o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

Gunner *W. Guthrie* (a native of Windsor, tailor, attested at Westminster, on the 3d September 1855), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 12th Complainant, Gunner W. Guthrie.

Have you any complaint to make; if so state it?—When I listed I distinctly understood that I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 or 14 years. By an Act of Parliament the East India Company has ceased to hold power in India, and I think they can't require my services any longer.

Do not you know that by the same Act that when the Company was declared to cease to exist, all soldiers of the Company's army were also declared to be soldiers of Her Majesty?—I wasn't aware that that was the case, but it doesn't give much liberty of opinion to a soldier.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way from being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—None, that I am aware of.

Then what is the hardship under which you suppose yourself to labour from the transfer?—When I was transferred to the service of the Crown, I expected to be allowed to take my discharge.

Have you received any pecuniary advantages since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes, an advance of pay, sir, of about two rupees a month, but we have not received much benefit from it yet.

How do you mean you have not received much benefit from it. Are you subject to greater deductions in any way since you got the advance pay?—I don't know at all how it is, but when the monthly settlement of pay comes to be made, there doesn't appear to be more to get than we did. The Khakee clothing now used is more expensive.

(Colonel Huyshe here informs the Court that he will have a memorandum prepared by the officer commanding the troop showing exactly how the case stands).

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look and say if this was the one (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, I have no recollection of either of them. I was perfectly in my senses when I was attested, and I don't remember these at all. I was sworn to the questions that were put to me, but nothing else,

Did you sign any paper on being attested?—No, sir, the magistrate signed, I didn't sign anything. I am perfectly sure I never put pen to paper.

What object or wish have you in complaining now?—In the hope that Government will do me justice, and give me my discharge.

Have you anything further to complain of?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Hayes* (a native of county Limerick, by trade a carpenter, attested at Limerick, on the 30th March 1855), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 13th Complainant, Gunner J. Hayes.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—This is my complaint. (*Complainant here hands in a written statement, which is read and entered as follows*):—

To his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India,

From Gunner *James Hayes*, of the late East India Company's Artillery.

Your humble Gunner distinctly understood when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India (as it has done by

an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858), its claims upon him ceased, and therefore begs to submit to your Excellency's attention the following arguments in his behalf:—

1. In my attestation I agree to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years providing it so long required my services. Now, the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company they cannot require my services, therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation; but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate, consequently, it does not form a part of the attestation. It does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally, I being one of Her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—I never took that oath.

Did you take any oath?—I merely took an oath to serve the Company.

You took the oath of allegiance?—I know nothing of the oath of allegiance. I never swore to anything about Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

You say in your written statement that you took the oath of allegiance?—I know nothing of this. I only took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company, and, as they are no more, I don't see how they can require my services.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being in Her Majesty's service?—Well, I can't say, sir; my pay has not been reduced, and I get more than I did.

What is your wish in complaining now?—I want to have my discharge or the option of whether I'll take on again in the service or not.

Have you anything else to complain of?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

14th Complainant, Gunner T. Hennerberry.

Gunner *T. Hennerberry* (a native of Kilkenny, labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 23d December 1855), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint, sir, is, that I am aggrieved at being transferred to the service of the Crown.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*The Complainant cannot read or write*)—Yes, I took an oath for the Company's service, and kissed the book. I took no other oath; I took no oath of allegiance.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being transferred to Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Then what hardship is it that you have to complain of?—Why, only that about being transferred to the Crown.

But if this does not hurt you, why should you complain of it?—Well, sir, it hasn't hurt me in any way, but the truth is, I want to get my discharge and go home.

You would not have got your discharge yet if the Company had not been done away?—No, not till the next seven years, but I should have been willing to put in my seven years, had the Company remained.

Have you got any increase to your pay since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes, I have got an increase of two rupees odd, but I never find much difference in it.

Do you know why? Is your messing dearer than it was, or do you pay more for clothing?—Not more for messing, but I have had to pay more for clothing. When I went to Delhie, I had a set of six suits of white clothing, which is of no use to me since the Khakee was ordered.

Have you ever complained of this to your officer?—No, I don't mean it as a complaint. I only mention it to show how I have been at more expense.

Do you know by whose order it was that you and the rest of the soldiers of the Indian army were transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—No, sir, no more than it was done by Parliament.

When did you first make your complaint about being transferred?—I never complained till this affair lately.

When did you first hear of it? Why did you not complain of this before?—I heard of it a long time ago, but I didn't complain before because I never heard the men speaking of it till the Sunday evening before the parade. (Sunday the 1st instant.)

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner

15th Complainant, Gunner T. Humphreys.

Gunner *T. Humphreys* (a native of Banbury, Oxfordshire, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 11th June 1857), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I got no more complaint, except that I listed for the East India Company, for 12 or 14 years. I believe the Company is made away with now, and I believe I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, sir, I never recollect taking that.

Do you remember whether you took any oath at all, or signed any paper when you were attested?—No, sir, I never signed any paper that I recollect, or taking any oath except to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 or 14 years.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Then where is the hardship in being transferred?—Well, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company, I didn't enlist for the Queen.

You know that though you are in the service of the Queen you are just the same in every respect as you were before during the time of the Company?—Yes, so I believe, just about.

Do you know of any difference whatever that there is?—No, sir; I joined the troop in May last.

Do you know what order it was that transferred you to Her Majesty's service?—Yes, it was done by an Act of Parliament. It was read out to us.

Were you told by any one that an Act of Parliament had no right to transfer you, or what makes you think that after an Act has been passed transferring you, you are entitled to your discharge?—Well, I don't understand much about it, but I believe we are entitled to our discharge, otherwise a bounty.

What is your wish in the matter?—Well, I don't know, I havn't made up my mind.

When did you first hear about being transferred, and when did you first complain about it?—It may be three or four months ago. We thought it to be a grievance all along, but didn't complain to any officer about it till the parade on the morning of the 2d May last.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

16th Complainant, Gunne

Gunner *W. Horner* (the 1st), (a native of Lochgeil, county Antrim, in Ireland, labourer, attested at Belfast on the 26th June 1857), being called into Court is asked:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My grievance is for being a soldier unlawfully; I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or if wanted for 14, and I don't wish to be handed over as a slave. I want to be a free man before I serve two masters; I never took an oath to serve the Queen.—(*The Complainant hands in a written statement of his grievance, which is entered as follows*):—

From Gunner *William Horner*, of the late East India Company's Artillery.

Sir,—I distinctly understood when I agreed to serve the East India Company, that when the said Company ceased to hold power in India, as it has done by Act of Parliament (passed in July 1858), its claim upon me also ceased, and therefore I beg to submit the following arguments on my behalf:

1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing the said Company required my services. Now, the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company, they cannot require my services, therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation; but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently, as it does not form a part of the attestation, it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty as one of her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never received it; I never had it in my hand.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to the Complainant*)?—No, I never took either of them. I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and I distinctly understood I was to serve them and no other.

Do you know by what authority you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Yes, I know it was done by Government; but it can't be fair law to hand a man over to serve against his will; they might as well hand me over to serve the fellow they call the Nana.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, from being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—I haven't suffered in any way; but I expect to be obliged to suffer afterwards, and to do a great many things that the men of Her Majesty's service have to do. Her Majesty's 75th have to clean their own rooms, at least so I have been told, just like they do at home; and the Royal Artillery have to clean their horses and their guns, which we might be told to do; but what I want to state is written down in my statement. I don't know what hardship I may have to suffer.

(Colonel *Radcliffe*, commanding Her Majesty's 75th Regiment, here states that the men of his regiment merely superintend the sweeping of their barracks, the work, as in other corps in India, being actually performed by the sweepers of the regiment.)

Examination resumed.

What is your wish or object now in complaining?—My object is to get my discharge, and to consider myself a free man.

Have you any other grievance?—No, no other, but what's in my paper, and what I have told you.

[Withdraws.

17th Complainant, Gunner P. Horner.

Gunner *P. Horner* (the 2d) (native of Manchester, cabinet-maker, attested at Manchester, on the 24th of September 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted in 1857 to serve the East India Company. By an Act of Parliament passed last year, transferring that Company to the Crown, I believe, as I didn't enlist to serve Her Majesty, I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes; here it is (*the paper, on being handed in, is examined and found to correspond exactly with that of Bombardier Winther* (*Appendix C.*))

It is here said that you took the oath of allegiance, do you remember the terms of the oath. Was it like this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Yes, I took that oath, sir.

Well, don't you see that by the first part of that oath you swore to serve Her Majesty, and obey all orders of the generals and officers set over you; how then do you think you didn't enlist to serve Her Majesty?—I don't see that that has any power to keep me here any more than to serve Her Majesty loyally.

You know by what authority it was that you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty, and you know too that by the transfer you were not handed over to serve in any of Her Majesty's regiments that are liable to be sent to Sierra Leone, or anywhere else where they may be required?—Yes, I know all this; and I believe that matters are in nowise altered to what they were.

Well, then, what is the hardship you have to complain of in being transferred; have you suffered in any way from the transfer, or do you expect to suffer from it?—No, I have not suffered in any way, sir, nor do I expect to suffer in any way; but I didn't enlist to serve Her Majesty, and I don't see why I should be turned over against my consent.

Don't you think now it would have been a great hardship to many of the old soldiers of the Company, men who were just entitled to their pension, if, when the transfer of the army to Her Majesty was made, Government had told them they didn't want them any more, and that they might go about their business?—Yes, I do, to the old soldier.

Then what do you think Government ought to have done altogether?—Well, I can't say; they ought to have taken each man's consent.

When did you first hear of the transfer, and when did you first complain?—I heard of it in September last, when I landed in Calcutta. I didn't complain till I heard of it on parade, on Saturday, the 30th April, when it was read out to us. I didn't complain before, because I didn't know how it would be settled.

Did you receive any letters from your friends at home on the subject, or did anything you heard of from home induce you to think that the Act would be altered?—No, sir, nothing; I saw about it in the papers in this country.

Did you see or hear any talk of a speech said to be made by Lord Palmerston about the transfer?—Yes, I have heard speak of it, but I never saw it myself; that he had said the men would get their discharge, or re-enlistment.

What is your object or wish in making your present complaint?—For my discharge, to go home.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner

18th Complainant, Gunner W. Hill.

Gunner *W. Hill* (native of Chester, a grocer, attested at Westminster, on the 7th November 1851), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have nothing more to say than that when I enlisted, I enlisted into a company of merchants, and didn't understand I was to serve Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Look at this, and say if your attestation paper was like it (*the attestation paper of Bombardier Winther (Appendix C.), is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes; I believe it was just the same

What was the oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I won't be certain about it; I can't be positive what oath I took.

You know by what authority it was that you were transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Yes; I know that it was done by Act of Parliament.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by the transfer?—No, I can't say that I do; but certainly there won't be so many opportunities, because there would be more men. I mean to say there won't be so many chances of getting good situations.

But you were not led to expect situations when you were enlisted?—I always understood that the Company's service was better, when I enlisted, than the Queen's.

You are aware that you are the same in every respect, as regards pay and pension, &c., as you were before; and that you are not liable to be transferred to the Royal Artillery?—Yes, I understand that part of it; but we are likely to suffer in the long run by having European regulations introduced amongst us.

Can you name any that have been introduced since the transfer?—No, there is no perceptible alteration; there may, perhaps, be a little more drill.

When did you first hear of the transfer, and when did you first complain?—Why, sir, it was generally understood among the men that they wouldn't think of mentioning anything of the sort till there was peace throughout the country.

Did you receive any letters from your friends at home, or do you know if any of the men did, telling them that the Act would be altered?—I didn't get letters myself about it, but many men, I believe, did, saying that they were sure to get their discharge.

Did you ever hear talk of a speech of Lord Palmerston, saying that men would get their discharge, or be allowed to re-enlist when the Company was abolished?—Yes, I have heard it spoken of, and I read the speech, I think, in the "Times" newspaper.

You think it a grievance not being allowed the option of re-enlistment or discharge; don't you think it would have been a much greater grievance if, when the Company was done away with, the Act of Parliament had declared that all the servants of the Company were discharged, and without any claim to the pension they would have had had the Company remained?—Well, I dare say it would have been a very unjust thing; but I think if Government took over all the Company's property, they were also obliged to entertain all their just claims.

What is your wish or object now?—My object is to take my discharge, and settle in the country.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

19th Complainant, Gunner J. Hall.

Gunner *J. Hall* (native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and employed as a railway clerk), attested in London on the 9th of November 1857, being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I certainly enlisted into the Company's service, and now find myself forced to serve in Her Majesty's service, without being consulted, after having paid 30 *l.* too to leave that service.

But you are not now in the same service that you paid 30 *l.* to leave. Don't you know that you couldn't be transferred to Her Majesty's 10th Hussars, that you were in before, or to the Royal Artillery, and that you are in fact just the same as before, having all your rights and privileges guaranteed to you, the same that you enjoyed when the Company was in existence?—Yes, sir, but I think I ought to be re-enlisted. In this transfer, I was never asked whether I was willing.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being transferred?—Not in the least, sir.

Then why do you consider it such a hardship?—Because it is another service; and I think that they ought to have asked us all whether we were willing to serve, and to have held out some inducement to us.

What is your object or wish now?—I should like to be allowed the privilege, but I should re-enlist again if there was anything for re-enlisting.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, I have not; if I had the privilege of taking my discharge, I should re-enlist, if there was any inducement held out to re-enlist.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is (*he here hands in the attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with Bombardier Winther's (Appendix C).*

Examination resumed.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes, I took this oath; both parts of it were read to me by the magistrate's clerk, but this oath doesn't bind me to serve as a soldier.

Can you say who besides soldiers take this oath?—I have taken one similar to that to serve as a policeman (*the Complainant on looking at it again says that in the policeman's oath there was not that about obeying generals and officers*).

What oath did you take when you enlisted in Her Majesty's 10th Hussars?—This (*the Complainant points to the first part of the oath in the Schedule above referred to*).

Did you take any other?—No, sir; no other, to the best of my recollection.

Then, why should you be bound to serve Her Majesty when you listed in the 10th Hussars, and not afterwards, when you took the same oath on listing for the Company?—I don't know; I can't understand it; but as I read Lord Palmerston's speech, the opinion of the Attorney General was that if the Company was done away with, every man in the service was entitled to claim his discharge or re-enlistment.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns shortly after 4 o'clock p.m. till 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Thursday*, 12 *May* 1859.

20th Complainant, Gunner S. Hanrahan.

THE Court meet at 11 o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

Gunner *S. Hanrahan* (a native of Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland, formerly of the Irish Constabulary, attested in Dublin, 19th March 1855), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, respecting this transfer, I feel myself harshly dealt with in not having my wishes consulted before being transferred.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I can't particularly recollect; I enlisted originally for the infantry, and when I wanted to be transferred to the artillery, I had to be re-enlisted and re-examined by a surgeon; I can't understand why the same thing wasn't done when I was transferred to another service.

You are in the same service now, only under a different master, or rather, under a different Government; you are not transferred to Her Majesty's service, like you would be if you were to list for the Royal Artillery. Don't you know that your position is just the same in every respect as if the Company had not been done away with?—Well, I understand that; but it is not giving me, as a British subject, true liberty of conscience. But I was led to believe when I was sworn that I should have a true copy of my attestation, but the duplicate that was given me was not a true copy, and has taken us in.

(Complainant shows a duplicate of the attestation paper of another soldier which, he says, is like his. It resembles in every respect that of Bombardier Winther's (Appendix C.), and is the same that is furnished to all recruits who are attested at home.)

Examination resumed.

What oath did you take when you served in the Irish Constabulary (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is shown to Complainant*)?—It was like this, the first part of it, but I am not positive about the words, "Generals and Officers" being in it.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being transferred to Her Majesty's service?—I expect more work, if I consent to remain, but I haven't made up my mind yet to remain.

(The Complainant is here checked, and informed that it rests with other authority whether he is to have the option given him of remaining or not; but the Court are desirous of hearing any reason or arguments he may have to offer why the option should be given him.)

Examination resumed.

Do you know by what authority it was that the transfer was made?—Yes, by the Government at home; but they have no right to compel a man to carry arms.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—My object is to leave the service, if I possibly can, sir.

You consider it a grievance being transferred to the service of Her Majesty, with all the privileges you before possessed secured to you; what would you have said if, when the Company

Company was abolished, Government had decided on having nothing whatever to say to the Company's army, and to give no pension or any other advantage to the older soldier?—I'd naturally say it would be a hardship to turn them off without giving them anything.

But why should Government be obliged to retain the old soldiers in their service, and not be allowed to keep the younger ones, as you say?—Well, sir, a great many of the younger ones would most likely have stopped if they'd only been asked; three-fourths of them, perhaps.

(The Complainant, on the above being read over to him, says he has another complaint, but it is on a different matter altogether, and he doesn't wish to mention it now. The Court listen to the complaint, which appearing to be one for his commanding officer to dispose of, he is ordered to lay it before him at the next Orderly Room.)

[Withdraws.

Lieutenant-Colonel Huyshe here hands in a letter from the officer commanding the troop regarding the clothing, which is read, and attached to the Proceedings (Appendix G.) Appendix (G.)

Gunner *W. Jackson* (born at Halifax, in Yorkshire, a grocer, attested at Coventry on the 8th July 1856), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 21st Complainant, Gunner W. Jackson.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company's service for a term of 12 years, or 14 years if required. The Company is handed over to the Queen by Act of Parliament now, and I consider I'm entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Nothing like the first part of the oath about Her Majesty, but I took the latter part of the oath.

Did you take the oath of allegiance?—No, I don't remember, but the first part of that oath you showed me just now, every subject takes. I took it once myself as a driver of a mail coach, except what it says about generals and officers.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty's service now?—No, I can't say I have suffered, or expect to suffer, in any way; but not having listed to serve Her Majesty, I don't wish to soldier for Her Majesty.

You know that you have everything secured to you, and are exactly the same in every respect as under the Company?—I know that Her Majesty would take care of me, but I think it's wrong, handing us over like slaves. I don't mean to say that I wouldn't continue to soldier. I don't want to leave off soldiering, but I want to be asked to give me the choice of re-enlistment.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *F. King* (born in Calcutta, a clerk, attested at Loodianah 19th August 1847), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 22d Complainant, Gunner F. King.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have not come here, sir, to make any complaint; I have come here to make a claim. This, sir, is my argument in behalf of that claim. (*The Complainant here hands in a written statement, which is here read and entered.*)

No. 267, Gunner *Frederick King*, of the late East India Company's Bengal Artillery, distinctly understood, when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company of Merchants, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India (as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858), its claim upon me also ceased, and I therefore beg to submit the following arguments in my behalf:

1. In my attestation I agree to serve the East India Company for a period of 12 years, and 14 if required, providing the said East India Company so long required my services. Now, the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company they cannot require my services any longer, therefore, legally, my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known, that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation; whereas, it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently, it does not form part of my attestation. It does not in any way bind me, any further than serving Her Majesty loyally, being one of Her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—If, sir, I am to be considered a Queen's soldier, why didn't I receive Queen's pay from the time I enlisted?

(The Complainant is informed that he is not in Her Majesty's Royal Artillery, but in the old Company's army, now called the Royal Indian army.)

He goes on to say—When I resumed my service at the end of 12 years, I received the bounty, but I got no fresh attestation, which I consider I ought to have done to bind me to the service.

[Withdraws.

23d Complainant, Gunner J. Kennedy.

Gunner *J. Kennedy* (born in London, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 29th April 1857), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, in 1857 I listed for the Company's Artillery for the term of 12 years. The East India Company is dissolved, and I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is. (*The Complainant hands in the duplicate of his attestation, which is examined, and is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther.*)

Do your remember the terms of the oath that you took when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Yes, sir, I took the oath of allegiance, but not that you show me about Her Majesty, and obeying Her generals and officers. I don't remember taking any part of this oath.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called Her Majesty's soldier?—Well, sir, I don't like to be called Her Majesty's soldier before I'm listed again. I haven't suffered in any way, but I don't know what I may do hereafter.

(The Court explain to Complainant that he is exactly in the same position that he was before, in every respect; all his privileges of every description being secured to him by the law of England by an Act of Parliament; the part of which referring to the Indian army is read over and explained to him.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything else to complain of?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

24t Complainant, Gunner M. Keough.

Gunner *M. Keough* (native of Kilkenny, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 12th November 1855), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—This document contains my complaint. (*Complainant hands in a paper, which is read, and entered.*).

No. 8804, Gunner *Michael Keough*, of the late East India Company's Bengal Artillery; distinctly understood, when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company of Merchants, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India (as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858), its claim upon me also ceased, and therefore beg to submit the following argument in my behalf:

1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for a period of 12 years, and 14 if required, providing the said East India Company so long required my services. Now, the East India Company, so far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company, they cannot require my services any longer; therefore, legally, my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that a man cannot obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If my oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form part of my attestation; whereas it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently, as it does not form part of my attestation, it does not in any way bind me, any further than serving Her loyally, being one of Her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you anything you wish to add to this, or have you other grievances to complain of?—No, sir, nothing to add, and no other complaint.

What object have you in view now?—My discharge, with the privilege of enlisting again, if I liked, in any other regiment.

[Withdraws.

25th Complainant, Gunner W. Loom.

Gunner *W. Loom* (born in Asby, Suffolk, a tiler, attested at Little Warley on the 14th April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company, but I said nothing about serving the Queen in my attestation, though I'd willingly serve the Queen, if I'd the same opportunity given me as others, of listing again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being transferred to the service of Her Majesty?—Well, sir, I feel aggrieved at being turned over without being said a word to about it.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. M'Callum* (born near Glasgow, a groom, attested at Glasgow, on the 27th November 1854), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 26th Complainant, Gunner J. M'Callum.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel very much aggrieved at the way I've been turned over from the service of the Company to that of the Crown without their even consulting me as to my future intention.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir; but when I listed in Glasgow, I was sworn in to serve the East India Company.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being turned over to Her Majesty?—No, sir; but I don't like to be turned over in the manner I've been.

What object have you in complaining now?—My wish is to be discharged from the Honourable Company's service, and to have the option of whether I'd re-enlist or not.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No; but if I did soldier on, I couldn't soldier with a contented mind to think how I've been turned over. I also wish to state that I think I've been charged a great deal too much for clothing ever since I came to the country. I have had several new kits that I never could wear. I got an entire new kit at the time of the mutiny that has stood me in 22 rupees, and I have never been able to wear it hardly at all, because the Khakee was ordered; but I don't wish to make a complaint about this.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. M'Farlane* (a native of Cambethnethan, in Lanarkshire, engine driver, attested at Glasgow, on the 4th March 1857), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 27th Complainant, Gunner T. M'Farane.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted in Glasgow and was sworn to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was an Act of Parliament came out in July 1858 by which the Company's service was made over to Her Majesty, and I was enlisted to serve the East India Company.

You know that all the rights and privileges you enjoyed before are secured to you. Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being transferred?—Yes, I know that, and I havn't suffered, nor do I expect to suffer.

Well, where is the great hardship that you complain of?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, but now there is no Company, I think my oath is void.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—I think I am entitled to a discharge or a fresh bounty.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Morrison* (born in Glasgow, a baker, attested at Birmingham on the 26th March 1857), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 28th Complainant, Gunner J. Morrison.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel very much aggrieved, sir, at the way I've been handed over to the Crown when I enlisted for the East India Company only, without being consulted as to my future intention.

You know that all the rights and privileges you enjoyed before are secured to you; have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being transferred to the Crown?—Yes, I know all this, and I havn't suffered in any way, but feel aggrieved at the slavish way in which I have been handed over to serve the Crown. I feel assured, for I've spoken to most of the men about it, that if the canteen had been opened and a bounty of 30 rupees given, that all would have come forward to serve Her Majesty.

But you are aware, are you not, that it was by an Act of Parliament of England that you were transferred to the Crown, and that your officers and no one here had power to give you the bounty you speak of?—Yes, sir, but we applied once before to the British Government, and they turned us over with the shortest word to be found in Johnson's Dictionary, "inadmissible." I looked out for the meaning of it, and it says "not allowed." If we are forced to soldier, sir, we shall do it with an unwilling mind, and the Congee House will always be full.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing else, only discharge or a fresh bounty, 40 rupees each; this is what we look to. I hope Lord Palmerston will see my statement.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *W. Moffatt* (native of Paisley, a dyer, attested at Glasgow on the 4th July 1857), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 29th Complainant, Gunner W. Moffatt.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel grieved at the way I've been handed over from the service of the Company to that of the Queen without being consulted.

You know that you were handed over as you say by an Act of Parliament, and that all your rights and privileges were secured to you. Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer, from being transferred?—I know all this, and I don't mean to say that I've suffered in any way except by being handed over without being consulted.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No other grievance whatever, only the way we have been handed over.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—I wish for my discharge, but I don't know whether I'd go home or re-enlist if I got the option.

[Withdraws.

There being no more of the troop in attendance, the Court adjourn at half past 3 p. m. till 11 a. m. to-morrow.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Friday*, 13 *May* 1859.

THE Court re-assembled at 11 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

30th Complainant, Gunner O. Murphy.

Gunner *O. Murphy* (a native of Wexford, shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 10th April 1858), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel dissatisfied at being a soldier of Her Majesty's, not being enlisted for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes, I took the oath of allegiance, I took the whole of this oath.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of the Queen instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, I havn't suffered in any way. I don't get less pay, nor am I called on for more duty. I havn't the slightest objection to soldier under Her Majesty provided I got a fresh enlistment and fresh bounty, and my grievance is not having got this. I have nothing else to complain of.

[Withdraws.

31st Complainant, Gunner C. Nairn.

Gunner *C. Nairn* (a native of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a clerk, attested at Liverpool, on the 8th November 1856), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and as the service is done away with and no more, I don't see that I'm to be handed over to the Queen without my consent.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Look at this oath and say if this is the same that you took when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—Yes, sir, I took this oath of allegiance and the rest of it—both parts.

Don't you know that there is no change whatever in your position. You are just the same now as you were before, only you are called a soldier of the Queen instead of a soldier of the Company. Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—Yes, I know this, that I am at present the same. I havn't suffered in any way, but I can't say what I may do.

(The clause of the Act of Parliament making over the army of the Company to the Crown is here read and explained to the Complainant).

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—That's all, sir.

What's your wish or object in making this complaint?—To get a fresh enlistment.

[Withdraws.

32d Complainant, Gunner M. J. G. Orban.

Gunner *M. J. G. Orban* (native of Lymington, in Hampshire, no trade, attested at Westminster on the 19th November 1857), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have a claim to make, sir, for my discharge. I agreed to serve a Company of Merchants, and that Company having ceased to exist, I cannot see any persons can have any claim on me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I have not, sir,

Look at this oath, and say if you remember taking this when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty. I havn't a distinct recollection of taking the latter part of this oath.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—Most decidedly, sir, by having my liberty taken from me.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—I havn't anything else except about two articles that appeared in the "Mofussilite" and "Delhi Gazette" very detrimental, and I want to know if I am at liberty to answer them.

(The Complainant is informed that the Court has nothing to do with the matter, and if he has any representation to make regarding it, he should apply to the officer commanding the troop).

Examination

Examination resumed.

What is your present object?—I want to get my discharge. I don't want to re-enlist.

[Withdraws.

33d Complainant, Gunner P. Parl.

Gunner *P. Parl* (a native of Wexford, a labourer, attested at Wexford, on the 30th June 1852), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I am aggrieved at being handed over to the Queen in the way I have been, without being asked, when I listed for the Company only.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Well, then, what do you particularly complain of?—Why, sir, what I complain of is that I listed for the Company's Artillery, and don't see why I should be made to serve the Queen without a fresh enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.—(*The Complainant cannot read and write.*)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—I took the oath of allegiance and to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—Why, sir, I don't doubt for a moment that if there was a fresh enlistment, I might enlist again.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, no more.

[Withdraws.

34th Complainant, Gunner C. Platt.

Gunner *C. Platt* (a native of Middleton, in Lancashire, engine driver, attested at Plymouth on the 24th February 1857), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir, I feel aggrieved at being handed over to Her Majesty, when I listed for the Company only.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I did take the oath of allegiance. I can't distinctly remember taking this oath. I took the oath for the Company.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being taken into the service of Her Majesty?—No, sir.

Then what do you particularly complain of in the change?—Being given over to Her Majesty without being re-enlisted over again.

What is your present object or wish?—I want to get my discharge and go home.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

35th Complainant, Gunner J. Paul.

Gunner *J. Paul* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 6th December 1856), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I listed, I listed to serve the East India Company, so when that Company is no more, I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*The Complainant cannot read.*) Yes, to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and 2 more if required. There was nothing about serving Her Majesty.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, sir, not at all.

Then what is that you particularly complain of?—I feel aggrieved at being given over to Her Majesty without my consent.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, none.

What is your particular object in complaining now?—To get a fresh bounty or free discharge.

[Withdraws.

36th Complainant, Gunner H. Perrott.

Gunner *H. Perrott* (a native of Morton, in Wiltshire, farmer, attested in London on the 29th November 1856), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I listed, I listed for the East India Company, and I hear it is done away with, and I should like to get my discharge, which I think I am entitled to, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, there it is. (*The Complainant here hands in his attestation paper, the duplicate of which is examined by the Court and is found to be an exact counterpart of that given in by Bombardier Winther* (*Appendix C.*)).

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I took the oath of allegiance. I took no oath to serve Her Majesty. I only swore to serve the Company.

Have you suffered, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, sir, every thing is just the same that I've seen, and if I had listed to serve Her Majesty I should have expected to do so. My opinion is that I am entitled to my discharge, and if I got it, I'd take it and go home, and if things turn out as I expect I wouldn't come out again.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, no other.

[Withdraws.

37th Complainant, Gunner S. Purcell.

Gunner *S. Purcell* (a native of Carlow, in Ireland, no trade, attested at Carlow on the 12th February 1852), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I enlisted I distinctly understood that I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, and I did not enlist to serve any other power whatever, and at present I consider myself bound under no oath whatever.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I couldn't be positive whether I took the oath of allegiance or not, but to the best of my belief I did not. But I don't consider that the oath of allegiance binds me at all, but I'm willing to serve Her Majesty as well as any other faithful subject.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, sir, I don't think Her Majesty's service in any respect worse than the Company's service.

Then what is it that you consider a particular hardship in the matter?—The way in which we are handed over. I consider it unworthy the Government of England the way in which they handed over the late Company's troops.

What is your object or wish now?—I couldn't say. When I get my freedom I shall be able to tell. I look for justice as well as anything else.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing else, but I consider it very unfair of Government to pass an Act of Parliament to render void my oath.

[Withdraws.

38th Complainant, Gunner J. Reid.

Gunner *J. Reid* (3), (a native of Newcastle, in Northumberland, a stoker, attested at Westminster on the 11th July 1856), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, when I listed I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and now that Her Majesty has taken the Company over, I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*The Complainant cannot read*)—I took one to serve the East India Company, no other.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way by being now called a soldier of Her Majesty instead of a soldier of the Company?—Well, sir, I'm getting more pay now at present, but I'd like to have my rights.

And what would you consider your rights?—Well, sir, I consider my discharge my rights.

What would you do if you had the option of discharge given you?—I can't give a decided answer upon that.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

39th Complainant, Gunner J. Rainsford.

Gunner *J. Rainsford* (a native of Houghton, in Lancashire, a labourer, attested in Liverpool on the 31st December 1855), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—All the complaint I have to make is about being turned over to the Crown without re-enlistment or something. I didn't list to serve Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this—(*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I didn't take the oath to serve Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors. I took an oath to serve the Company, and successors, but I don't well remember that I took any oath at all.

You are not a bit worse off in any way, are you now that you are serving Her Majesty?—No, we get a little more pay now, and are no worse off in any way. It makes no difference to me, but I'd like to be re-enlisted over again if I'm to serve the Queen. I listed in the infantry first, but was transferred at Warley, by my own consent, to the artillery on a fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *E. Rooney* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the 14th November 1855), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 40th Complainant, Gunner E. Rooney.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company, and there has been an Act of Parliament passed since that I am to serve Her Majesty, and I feel aggrieved. I don't feel satisfied.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-183, *is here shown to the Complainant)*?—No, sir, that's not the oath that I took. The oath I took was to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years if required, and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs or successors.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer by being called a soldier of Her Majesty instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, sir, not the least.

Well, then, what is the particular hardship you consider to be labouring under?—Why, sir, I don't see that I've any right to be a soldier. As I never listed for Her Majesty, I'm not bound.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—My object is that I should rather get a re-enlistment or discharge, one or the other.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—Nothing, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *S. Robinson* (a native of Beverley, in Yorkshire, by trade a clerk, attested in London on the 7th April 1858), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 41st Complainant, Gunner S. Robinson.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, when I listed in London last year, I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required, and when they ceased to hold power, I considered their claim on me ceased also.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have not with me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant)*?—No, sir; this is not the oath I took. I don't remember that I took the oath of allegiance, the only mention of Her Majesty, when I was attested, was that the magistrate asked me if I had formerly belonged to Her Majesty's army.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty now instead of a soldier of the Company?—No, there is no difference since I entered the service, nor do I expect to suffer in any way.

Well, what do you consider so hard then?—By taking an oath for one, and being obliged to serve another.

What is your object or wish now?—I wish to have my choice of re-enlisting, but I am not decided what to do in this case.

Have you any other grievance?—I have not, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *H. Strickland* (a native of Wexford, by trade a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 26th of January 1849), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make except what you asked me the other morning about enlisting; it makes very little difference to me, and I should have said nothing about it if I hadn't been asked, as I shall be able to get my discharge in 16 or 17 months any how; but I listed for the East India Company and not for Her Majesty. 42d Complainant, Gunner H. Strickland.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, it was mislaid at Delhi.

Have you any other complaint?—No, none at all, and I shouldn't have come forward at all in this, if you hadn't asked me.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Sharpe* (a native of Clackmannan, by trade a grocer, attested at Glasgow on the 21st May 1854), being called into Court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 43d Complainant, Gunner J. Sharpe.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is about serving Her Majesty. I feel aggrieved at the way I've been turned over from the Company to the Crown.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant)*?—I couldn't swear whether I took that oath or not.

You are aware that you are the same now in every respect as when you were a soldier of the Company?—No, I am not aware of that. But when I first enlisted, I listed to serve the infantry; and afterwards at Warley, when I changed to the artillery, I got a fresh enlistment shilling, and was told I lost my former service; and I think I ought to have been enlisted again when the Company was done away with. I don't see that there is any difference now to what we were before when we were Company's soldiers.

Well, if you are the same now, what is there so much to complain of?—Why, only the way we've been turned over to Her Majesty in the way we were.

What would you have said if Her Majesty had turned all off, and said she didn't require them, old and young?—Well, I haven't thought about that. I have no doubt, if they had the preference of a bounty, that 17 out of 20 would enlist again.

Have you made up your mind what you'd do in this case?—No, sir, I haven't made up my mind yet.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, no other grievance.

[Withdraws.

44th Complainant, Gunner D. Sweeney.

Gunner *D. Sweeney* (2d), (a native of Cork, a shoemaker, attested in London on the 17th February 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir; I think it's very hard being handed over to the Crown when I listed to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking this one, the last one, but not the first.

Are you worse off in any respect now than you were when you were called a soldier of the Company?—I only joined the troop in January last.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—I want the option of re-enlistment or discharge, but I don't know what I'd do if I had the option.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

45th Complainant, Gunner T. Steenson.

Gunner *T. Steenson* (a native of Antrim, a weaver, attested at Ballemena on the 18th March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—The only grievance I have is in here (*he hands in a written statement, which is read and entered*).

To his Excellency the Commander in Chief in India.

From Gunner *T. Steenson,* of the late East India Company.

Your humble gunner distinctly understood, when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company, that when that Company ceased to hold power in India (as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858), its claim upon him ceased, and therefore begs to submit to your Excellency's attention the following argument in his behalf:

1. In my attestation I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, provided it so long required my services. Now, the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and, as there is no Company, it cannot require my services, therefore legally my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation; but it's only mentioned in the deposition taken by the magistrate, consequently it does not form a part of my attestation. It doesn't bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty loyally, as being one of Her subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*The Complainant cannot read*)—No, I don't rightly remember about it; but there was nothing about serving the Queen; I agreed to serve the Company.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—To get my discharge, sir.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, it is all stated in the paper what I had to say.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourned shortly after four o'clock till eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Saturday*, 14 *May* 1859.

The Court assembled at Eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

46th Complainant, Gunner W. Sweeney

Gunner *W. Sweeney* (a native of Manchester, iron turner, attested at Manchester on the 8th August 1856), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?— I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's infantry for the first time, and was transferred on a fresh attestation to the artillery. I didn't enlist to serve the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, not here.

Do you remember what oath you took when last attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking the last part of the oath, but not the first, about Her Majesty.

Are you a bit worse off in any way now that you are a soldier of Her Majesty, or do you expect to be worse off?—No, sir, I can't say that I am.

Then what hardship have you to particularly complain of?—Why, sir, I'd like to have a choice in the matter.

And what would you have done if you had had a choice?—I can't say yet.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

47th Complainant, Gunner J. Smith, 1st.

Gunner *J. Smith* (1st), (a native of Kunturck, in Herefordshire, a blacksmith, attested at Cardiff on the 2d June 1856), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is, that I listed to serve in the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, and not to serve Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I haven't.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—This one I took, the last one. I don't know anything about this, the first one, in which Her Majesty's name is mentioned, I don't remember it at all.

Are you a bit worse off now than you were before the Company was done away with?—No, sir; but I wanted the chance of my discharge or re-enlistment.

And which do you think you'd have taken if the chance had been given you?—Well, I couldn't say that, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

48th Complainant, Gunner J. Smith, 2d.

Gunner *J. Smith* (2d), (a native of Stockport, in Cheshire, formerly in the police, attested at Manchester on the 14th April 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—All the complaint I have is, that I want my discharge. I don't think I have been dealt rightly with in being turned over. I listed for the East India Company, and not for Her Majesty's Government.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, I didn't take that oath, at least only a part of it, about allegiance; but then I am well aware that no one can obtain a situation under Government without taking the oath of allegiance.

How long were you in the police?—Six years, nearly, altogether; three years in the Cheshire Constabulary, and about two years and a half in the Manchester Police.

Have you a copy of the oath you took when you were in the police, or do you remember what the oath was?—I haven't a copy, but it was like the first part of the oath you showed me just now, except that there was nothing in it about obeying generals and officers.

You are not a bit worse off now than you were under the Company; and don't you know that all the rights and privileges promised you when you enlisted are secured to you now by the British Government?—Yes, sir; I know all this, and that I am just the same as before; but, as there is no Company now, I think my contract is void.

Have you any other grievance?—No; I have nothing more to say.

[Withdraws.

49th Complainant, Gunner N. Turner.

Gunner *N. Turner* (a native of Gloucester, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 15th June 1857), is called into Court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14. Now I believe, sir, the Company's demolished, and I consider myself now a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—No, sir, I don't remember taking any part of this oath.

Did you take any oath at all when attested?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company.

Is your position changed in any way since the Company was demolished?—There is no difference, sir.

Then what particular hardship do you complain of?—Well, sir, I don't consider it any hardship, only the way we are turned over.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—Why, sir, I should like to get some recompense. I should like to take an oath to serve Her Majesty before I did serve Her.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

50th Complainant, Gunner M. Thompson.

Gunner *M. Thompson* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested in Glasgow on the 19th July 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now that the Company is given over to the Crown, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Here is the oath I took. (*Complainant points to the latter part of the oath.*) This (*the former part*) was never mentioned to me.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way now that you are a soldier of Her Majesty?—I am just the same that I was before, except that I have more pay, I believe.

Then why do you think it a hardship?—If I had been attested to serve Her Majesty, I shouldn't have felt aggrieved, but I don't like being given over without knowing anything about it.

What do you wish now?—I want to get my discharge, and I would consider afterwards about re-enlisting.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

51st Complainant, Gunner W. Thomson.

Gunner *W. Thomson* (2d), (a native of Kilmarnock, a clerk, attested in Glasgow on the 5th January 1857), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve in the East India Company's Artillery for 12 or 14 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services. The said Company has now been abolished, therefore I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I remember taking the first part of the oath, but not that (*the 2d*), but it may have been added to it. I have no distinct recollection. But I consider that this oath that I took to Her Majesty only holds good while I remain in the service, and while the Company is in power.

Do you know of any others who take this oath, the first part of it, except recruits on being attested?—I don't know this particular oath, but I believe that all who take service under Government are obliged to take an oath something like this, swearing allegiance to Her Majesty.

Are your positions or prospects changed in any way in the service since the Company was abolished?—No, sir.

Well, then, why do you consider it a hardship to be required to serve on. You know that it was by an Act of Parliament, by the law of the land, that you were transferred?—I am not unwilling to serve Her Majesty, but I consider that when two parties enter into a contract, one party ought to have his say as well as another.

But you had your say in the matter through the representative of your native place at home?—I can't see that, because as I agreed individually with the East India Company, I ought to have been individually consulted in it.

Then you think that every man ought to have had the option of going or staying?—Yes, sir.

Which would you have done if you had had the option?—Far be it from me to be unwilling to serve Her Majesty if she required my services, but I think I ought to have my discharge before entering into another contract.

Don't you think it would have been a hard case if an Act had been passed discharging all the Company's servants when the transfer was made, old as well as young?— It would have been rather hard, but I consider it would have been just and right, for if the Company was abolished they had no further occasion for the services of anybody.

Do

Do you remember anything about Lord Palmerston's speech, and what his Lordship said when the transfer to the Crown was under discussion?—Yes, Lord Palmerston said when he was introducing his India Bill, that he thought every soldier of the Company would be fairly entitled to his discharge, or words to that effect.

Has this speech been spoken of at all by the men of your troop?—I read it in the "Times." I have heard it spoken of here, but not lately, and I consider it myself as the opinion of a great statesman.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

52d Complainant, Gunner G. Tomlinson

Gunner *G. Tomlinson* (a native of Lickfield, in Staffordshire, a farmer's servant, attested at Birmingham on the 3d October 1856), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Here is my statement, sir. (*Complainant hands in a written statement, which is here read and entered.*)

To His Excellency the Commander-in Chief for India.

From Gunner *Tomlinson*, of the late East India Company's Artillery.

Your humble gunner distinctly understood when he agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company, that when the said Company ceased to hold power in India, as it has done by an Act of Parliament passed in July 1858, its claim upon me also ceased, and therefore begs to submit to your Excellency's attention the following arguments on his behalf:

1. In my attestation, I agreed to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years, providing it so long required my services. Now the East India Company, as far as regards me, has ceased to exist, and as there is no Company they cannot require my services any longer, therefore legally, my contract is void, and I am a free man.

2. Some have brought forward my oath of allegiance as an argument against me. Now, it is well known that that oath is supposed to be taken by every one of Her Majesty's subjects, and that no man can obtain a situation under Government without doing so.

3. If the oath of allegiance has power to keep me in my present situation, why does it not form a part of my attestation, but it is only mentioned in the deposition made by the magistrate; consequently it does not bind me in any way further than serving Her Majesty, loyally, as one of Her Majesty's subjects.

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take that, I'm sure (*Complainant points to the first part*); I took that (*the latter part.*)

You are just the same now, in every respect, as when you were a Company's soldier, and expect to remain so?—Why, we are getting off the Company's regulations every day.

Tell me in what way. The pay is the same, isn't it, or rather more than it was?—The pay is rather increased. We have different drill to what we used to have. We have more stable duty than we used to have. That's all I have to say; I have no other complaint.

What is your wish in complaining?—For my discharge; I'd like to have the option of whether to re-enlist or not.

[Withdraws.

53d Complainant, Gunner F. A. Townshend.

Gunner *F. A. Townshend* (a native of Chepstowe, commercial traveller, attested in London on the 19th February 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I consider that I'm unlawfully detained, that I'm entitled to a re-enlistment with a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I've lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember what oath I took, but I didn't take an oath before a magistrate at all. It was in Shoreditch, and the justice was engaged and the clerk read something over, but I am sure I don't know what it was. But I clearly understood that I enlisted to serve the Company, and not to serve Her Majesty.

You are the same in every respect as you were when the Company was in existence and expect no change?—I am the same, and expect no change.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—I wish to take my discharge if I have the option, but I think three-fourths of the men, if they had the option, would re-enlist.

Any other grievance?—None, sir.

[Withdraws.

54th Complainant, Gunner J. Walsh.

Gunner *J. Walsh* (a native of Dungarvon, in Waterford, a clerk, attested at Warley, 29th May 1857), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is, that I feel aggrieved at being turned over to Her Majesty without knowing for what.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes; here it is. (*Complainant hands in his attestation paper, which is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's.*) (Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't exactly remember what oath I took. I don't exactly think I took that oath. There was something in the oath about Her Majesty, but I don't remember what.

You know that you are just the same in every respect now as you were during the Company's time?—

(The complainant here states that he has a complaint to make about a bounty suit of clothing that he is entitled to, having mustered with Captain Atlay's detachment on the 1st January 1858; and he also states that he is entitled to compensation for 36 days' rations on board the "Amazon." He is directed to attend at the Artillery Orderly Room on Monday morning next, the 15th instant, when these complaints will be inquired into. He goes on to say)

I can't see that I am different in any way to what I was, or that I am likely to be.

What is your particular object or wish now?—I want to get the option of re-enlisting with a bounty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

55th Complainant, GunnerG.C.Westly.

Gunner *G. C. Westly* (a native of Great Dillon, in Northamptonshire, a shoemaker, attested at Coventry on the 29th December 1856), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required, and I understand there is no more Company, so I think I am entitled to re-enlist with a fresh bounty, or to discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is. (*The Complainant hands in his attestation paper, which is examined by the Court and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's.*) (Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*)?—I don't remember. I don't recollect any such thing.

You haven't suffered in any way since you were called a soldier of Her Majesty?—I don't know any difference at all, but I want some satisfaction for the way we have been turned over.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else but about my clothing; I listed in 1856, and I have only had one jacket and one pair of overalls.

(The complainant is directed to lay this matter before his commanding officer at the orderly room on Monday next.)

[Withdraws.

56th Complainant, Gunner G. White.

Gunner *G. White* (a native of Gloucestershire, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 4th February 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I consider that I'm a free man. I enlisted to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read*)—Yes, to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

You are just as well off now as you were when you were a Company's soldier, are you not?—Yes, but I haven't been in the service long. The Company was done away with before I came out, but I don't know of any difference.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—To have my discharge or to be re-enlisted.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

57th Complainant, Gunner J. Wright.

Gunner *J. Wright* (a native of Dulton, in Dumfriesshire, saddler, attested in Glasgow on the 5th May 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is being handed over to the Queen when I listed to serve the Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember taking any part of this.

Is there any difference in the way you are treated now in respect to pay or anything else to what there was when the Company was in existence?—I haven't had much experience, not having been long in the country, but I have heard the drills are a little different.

What is your object or wish in complaining now?—I wish to get my discharge or to be free to enlist or not. I have no other complaint, but I don't think I am bound to serve Her Majesty, not having been enlisted for it.

[Withdraws.

58th Complainant, Gunner T. Woolridge.

Gunner *T. Woolridge* (a native of Draycot, in Staffordshire, a labourer, attested at Newcastle-under-Line on the 16th November 1857), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I enlisted I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now that the Company is given over to the Queen, I feel aggrieved at having to serve.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read*)—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. I took no oath about Her Majesty.

Do you expect to be a bit worse off under the Queen, than you would have been under the Company?—No, sir, not a bit, under a fresh bounty.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

[There being no more of the troop to examine, the court adjourns shortly after 3 o'clock p. m. till Monday next, the 16th instant at 11 a.m.]

SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Monday*, 16 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembled at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as on Saturday.

The court receive and attach to the proceedings (Appendix H.) a report to Lieutenant Colonel Huyshe, stating that the non-commissioned officers of 1st Brigade Staff have no complaints to make. Appendix (H.)

The Court proceeds to have in all the men of the 2d Company, 4th Battalion Artillery, who are individually asked if they have any complaint. Those marked "content" in the accompanying list (Appendix I.), state that they have no complaints to make, and are sent back to barracks. Appendix (I.)

59th Complainant, Bombardier J. Dixon.

Bombardier and Acting Corporal *J. Dixon* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested on the 17th November 1853, at Glasgow), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now that the Company has ceased to exist, I don't think they can require my services any longer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to Complainant?*—No, sir, this wasn't put to me when I was attested.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way now that the Company is done away with?—No, there isn't much difference, but we have a little harder work perhaps now than we had before the mutiny; but this is not what I complain about or care about; my grievance is, being turned over to serve Her Majesty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

60th Complainant, Gunner F. Burton.

Gunner *F. Burton* (a native of Westminster, a rope and sail maker, attested in Cork, on the 11th January 1857), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve in the Honourable East India Company's service, and that service being at an end now, I consider I am a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183, *is here shown to the Complainant*?—I think if I recollect right I took both of them.

In the first part of the oath you swear to obey all orders of Her Majesty and of the generals and officers set over you?—I agreed to serve the Company and to be true to Her

Majesty while the Company was in existence. The same as I should had I been in any other Government employ.

Can you mention any other Government employ in which an oath is taken like the one you took to obey the generals and officers?—Not those words expressly, but to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty and to serve Her in case of necessity.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by serving Her Majesty instead of the Company?—No, sir, not that I can see in any way, but I agreed to serve the Company, and the contract is at an end. Like as if I had agreed to serve a man who became bankrupt, and then my contract should be at an end.

You know that you were transferred to the service of the Crown by an Act of Parliament; don't you think it would have been very hard if Government, when the Company was done away with, had declined to take any of their responsibilities upon them, and turned off all the old soldiers who were entitled to or just becoming entitled to pension?—It certainly would have been very hard upon them, but it would have been nothing but justice, and what they might have expected, in my opinion. But the question might have been left optional, which it never has been, whether they would serve or not.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, none.

[Withdraws.

61st Complainant, Gunner D. Bannon.

Gunner *D. Bannon* (a native of Paisley, a tailor, attested at Warley on the 12th January 1858), called into Court, and is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, for being made over to Her Majesty without my consent; I never listed for Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

(The complainant gives in his attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix C).

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-183, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I did not; it is mentioned in my attestation paper what oath I took.

Have you suffered in any way by being made over to Her Majesty's service?—Yes, sir; I don't know myself, but I hear all the men say that they have much severer duty than they had before.

(Lieutenant Colonel Huyshe, a member of the Court, here explains that since the field batteries have been made wholly European, and European drivers substituted for native, the foot artillerymen have had and will have more work than before; but this has nothing whatever to do with making over the Company's army to the Queen).

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir. I wish also to mention that when I first enlisted for the Company, I listed for the infantry, and they wouldn't change me over to the artillery, till I was re-enlisted and attested over again.

[Withdraws.

62d Complainant, Gunner J. T. Charter.

Gunner *J. T. Charter* (a native of Liverpool, a gentleman's servant, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I am willing to serve the Queen, but I would like a re-engagement.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

(The complainant hands in his attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix C).

Examination resumed.

Have you any other complaint to make?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

63d Complainant, Gunner A. Campbell.

Gunner *A. Campbell* (a native of Edinburgh, a combmaker, attested at Westminster on the 19th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, that I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now that the said Company is deceased, I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, but it's the same as the others; I listed the same month.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take that oath; I don't remember it.

Do you expect to suffer in any way by being made over to Her Majesty?—No, but I don't like being handed over to another service without my consent.

Supposing

Supposing your consent had been asked first, what would you have done?—Well, sir; I should have asked for a re-enlistment over again, with a fresh bounty or my discharge.

Any other grievance?—No more.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *E. Cubitt* (a native of Colchester, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 16th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— **64th Complainant, Gunner E. Cubitt.**

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is being turned over to another service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I havn't.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, I did'nt take that oath. The eighth question put to me was, whether I was willing to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Do you expect to suffer in any way by being transferred to Her Majesty's service?—No, sir, but I look for a fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, none.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *A. Campbell* (2d), (a native of Ross, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 11th May 1858), is called into court and asked:— **65th Complainant, Gunner A. Campbell.**

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, provided the said Company should so long require my services. Now, sir, the Company is done away, and I think it's proper that I should be re-enlisted over again for Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath; I don't remember taking the first.

Do you expect to be a bit worse off in any way for being made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir, I don't. Yes, sir, I do; I don't think it's proper being made over without having listed again.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, none.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *Henry Drake* (a native of Halifax, in Yorkshire, a grocer, attested at Liverpool on the 1st June 1858), is called into court and asked:— **66th Complainant, Gunner H. Drake.**

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I enlisted, I understood that Her Majesty's and the Company's were two distinct forces, and I listed for the Company; and in a certain question in my attestation, I was asked if I was willing to serve the Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if they so long required my services; and again in another question, whether I belonged to any other corps or regiment, or to the Marines, or to any other force of the East India Company, and I have merely to state that I am dissatisfied at being turned over without my consent to Her Majesty, now that the Company is done away with.

You know that you are not turned over to Her Majesty's army, in the same way as if you had enlisted for Her Majesty's forces originally in June 1858?—Yes, I'm aware of that; but they have transferred me over to the Crown when I listed for the Company, without asking me whether I was willing to serve or not.

But what's the hardship; you are just the same, and just as well off, as if the Company had been in existence?—Well, sir, it's just the same, and I have nothing to complain of whatever; but I ought to have the option of a fresh enlistment or discharge.

What would you do if you had the option?—I cannot give a decisive answer at present; I should like time to study it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is. (*The complainant here hands in his attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix* C.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *M. Doherty* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested in Liverpool on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— **67th Complainant, Gunner M. Doherty.**

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and have been turned over to Her Majesty without re-enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

68th Complainant, Gunner G. Deardon.

Gunner *G. Deardon* (a native of St. Helens, Lancashire, a labourer, attested in Liverpool on the 1st May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, when I listed, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the East India Company is done away with I claim my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is. (*The complainant hands in his attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix* C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—Well, sir, all the oath I took was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—Well, sir, I can't say; if there was a bounty given I might take it, or I might take my discharge.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

69th Complainant, Gunner R. Doe.

Gunner *R. Doe*, a native of Blackheath, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858, being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I don't like being turned over to the Queen; I listed to serve the East India Company, and I don't see why I should be turned over without being re-enlisted.

Would you have been satisfied to be turned over if you had been re-enlisted?—Well, sir, I don't know as I should; but as the Company is broken up, I was thinking I should like to take my discharge and go home. I don't know exactly how I could get home, but if I couldn't go any other way, I would work my way.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is. (*The complainant here hands in his attestation paper, which is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix* C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—Why, sir, I can't read very well, I can't make out some of the words in this oath, but I took the oath of allegiance as stated in my attestation paper.

You don't expect to be at all worse off now that you are a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, sir, I don't know as I should.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

70th Complainant, Gunner William Evans.

Gunner *William Evans* (a native of Brecknockshire, by trade a grocer, attested at Cardiff on the 5th of June 1858), being called into court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, I'm not satisfied at being turned over to Her Majesty, without getting a fresh enlistment.

But what a bit worse off are you by being turned over to Her Majesty as you say?—Not a bit worse off that I know of, but I should like to get my rights, sir.

And what would you consider what you call your rights?—To get a fresh enlistment. I don't see that the Queen has any claim at all upon me, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I made away with it at home, as I thought it would be of no use to me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the oath for the Company, not for Her Majesty.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

[There being no more complainants in attendance, the Court adjourns at about 3 o'clock p. m., till 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.]

Eighth Day's Proceedings.—*Tuesday*, 17 *May* 1859.

The Court meets at 11 o'clock, a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

71st Complainant, Gunner W. Eastwood.

Gunner *William Eastwood* (a native of London, by trade a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 24th June 1858), being called into court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Q. Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—*A.* Very few words, sir. I listed for

for the East India Company's service for 12 or 14 years if required, and as the Company is dissolved, I think I have a claim to my discharge, or re-enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I have not, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I remember taking that, the latter part, but not the other, the first part.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, from being retained in the service now that the Company is dissolved?—No, sir, I don't.

Then what particular hardship do you think it is being retained in the service?—I can't say that I consider it any particular hardship, I'm only asking for what I consider to be just.

Have you any other complaint to make?—No, sir, no other.

[Withdraws.

72d Complainant, Gunner J. Gilligan.

Gunner *J. Gilligan* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 7th September 1856), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, the same as the rest. I listed for the East India Company, and now that the Company is done away with, I want my discharge or re-enlistment.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—Why, I'd take time to consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, sir, nothing about Her Majesty was mentioned in my oath.

Are you a bit the worse off in any respect, since the Company was done away with?—No, I can't say that I am worse off in any way. I get the same pay, but there may be a little more duty, but I have no complaint of this.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

73d Complainant, Gunner J. Gorman.

Gunner *J. Gorman* (a native of Dublin, a farmer, attested at Liverpool on the 4th August 1857), being called into court is asked:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—All I have got to say is, that I never enlisted to serve in the Queen's service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember it, sir, I don't think I did.

You are not a bit worse off now, are you, than you were when you first enlisted before the Company was done away with?—There is a little difference in the duty now, but not much, but nothing else; but I'd like to get home if I had the chance; but I don't know either, the mind might change.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

74th Complainant, Gunner J. Garrett.

Gunner *J. Garrett* (a native of London, a wireworker, attested in London on the 13th January 1855), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I have never been legally listed to serve under the Queen.

Then what is your wish or object in complaining now?—Why, that's my only complaint, I was sworn in for the East India Company. My wish is to get my discharge and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I was sworn in to the service of the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 years if they required my services.

Was there nothing about serving Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

75th Complainant, Gunner P. Gray.

Gunner *P. Gray* (a native of Sligo, a hammerman, attested in Glasgow on the 1st of May 1858), being called into court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, I've nothing, sir, except that I never listed to be turned over to Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—I havn't it here.

Do you remember what oath you took when enlisted; can you read?—Why, sir, I'm not a professed hand at it. Indeed, I can't read at all. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took. I swore to be true.

Have you any thing else to complain of?—Nothing else, your Honour.

[Withdraws.

76th Complainant, Gunner J. Greenward.

Gunner *J. Greenward* (a native of Manchester, a weaver, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or for two more if they required my services so long, and I think I am entitled to my discharge, or a fresh bounty on re-enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The paper is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's. Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, but not the first part of it, about Her Majesty.

Are you not the same in every respect under Her Majesty, as you were under the Company?—Yes, sir, I don't know of any difference. I was transferred of my own consent out of the infantry, in which I had first enlisted, into the artillery, and then got a fresh enlistment shilling.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

77th Complainant, Gunner G. Harris.

Gunner *G. Harris* (a native of New Swan, in Perthshire, a joiner, attested in Dundee on the 4th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, that I listed for the East India Company, and now they have ceased to hold power I wish for my discharge, or something else. I don't know who my master is now.

Don't you know that you and the rest of the Company's army were transferred to the service of Her Majesty by an Act of Parliament, by the law of the land, which all are bound to obey, soldiers and civilians, alike?—Well, I weren't aware that there was an Act of Parliament to that effect.

(The Clause of the Act referring to the transfer of the Company's army to the Crown is here read and explained to the complainant.)

Examination resumed.

You are in the same position in every respect as if the Company had remained, don't you know this?—Yes, I understand all this, and don't know of any difference, but what I complain of is being handed over to serve the Queen without my consent when I listed for the Company only.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir, none.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of it, I took the latter part.

[Withdraws.

78th Complainant, Gunner W. Holmes.

Gunner *W. Holmes* (a native of Cork, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 20th February 1855), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, that I listed for the Company's service for 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services, and now there is no Company, I wish to be re-enlisted over again, or to get my discharge.

If you had your choice given you, which would you like to do?—Why, sir, I'd like to consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—I do, sir; I was asked if I was willing to be true to the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services, and I said I was.

Anything about serving Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

79th Complainant, Gunner H. Hemlington.

Gunner *H. Hemlington* (a native of Dublin, a perfumer, attested in Dublin on the 3d October 1856), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I agreed to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 or 14 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services, and now as the Company has ceased to hold power in India, I consider that I have a right to be re-attested, or get a free discharge.

Which would you take, if you had your choice?—Well, I don't know, sir, I'd want some time to consider of that.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I haven't.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I remember taking the last part of it, but not the first, and it wasn't mentioned in my duplicate of attestation.

You are just the same in every respect as you were under the Company, and expect to ema in so?—Yes, we are the same at present, the rules and regulations all the same, but I ron't know about their remaining so.

You know of nothing to induce you to think there will be any difference hereafter?—No, sir, I don't know that there will be any difference.

(The Clause of the Act of Parliament transferring the Company's army to the Crown is here shown and explained to complainant.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance?—No, but I give my voice against that Act, as I never agreed to serve the Crown.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *M. Heam* (a native of London, a bootmaker, attested at Lambeth on the 29th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 80th Complainant, Gunner M. Heam.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Only that I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services, and I believe the Company is broken up now, at least so I'm given to understand, and I think I'm entitled to a re-enlistment, or to my discharge.

Which would you take, if you had your choice?—Why, sir, I should like it to be left to me to consider of.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left that in England.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant reads very little*)?—I was sworn in for the Honourable East India Company. I don't remember there being anything about the Queen in the oath I took.

You don't expect to be a bit worse off under the Queen, do you, than you would have been under the Company?—No, sir, but I was sworn to serve the Company, and I expected to be sworn in to serve the Queen before I could.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *M. Hefferan* (a native of Cork, a sailor, attested at London on the 17th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 81st Complainant, Gunner M. Hefferan.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make, only that I don't like being given over to the Queen, without any enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took the oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there nothing about serving Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir.

What is your wish or object in complaining now?—All I want is my discharge, or a fresh bounty.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—I'd take my discharge, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *P. Kirwin* (a native of Dublin, a dyer, attested at Liverpool on the 14th February 1854), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 82d Complainant, Gunner P. Kirwin.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and there is no Company's service now, sir; I want my discharge and to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take this oath, no part of it.

You have been in the service since 1854, has there been any change in it in consequence of the Company being done away with, or do you expect that there will be any change to the soldiers of the late Company now that they are under Her Majesty?—Not much; we have to attend stables now, but I don't know of anything else.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *W. Lee* (a native of Tipperary, a shoemaker, attested at Liverpool on the 18th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 83d Complainant, Gunner W. Lee.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing more, sir, but that I don't feel satisfied at being handed over to the Queen without my consent.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it is mislaid.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part, but not the first; there was nothing at all mentioned about Her Majesty when I listed.

What is your wish now in complaining?—Well, sir, I don't mind which; either discharge or fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

84th Complainant, Gunner J. M'Laughlin.

Gunner *J. M'Laughlin* (a native of county Down, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 27th April 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I am dissatisfied, sir, at being turned over to the Queen from the Company's service without being re-enlisted.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I was sworn to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is your wish now?—Either to be re-enlisted or to get my discharge. I don't know which I'd take if I had my choice.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

85th Complainant, Gunner P. M'Erlane.

Gunner *P. M'Erlane* (a native of county Derry, a weaver, attested at Ballemena on the 12th April 1858), is called into court and asked:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I complain, sir, that I enlisted under the East India Company, and I hear it is now turned over to the Queen, and I don't feel satisfied.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I remember some of it. I was enlisted for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, for the Honourable East India Company. I was to bear allegiance to Her Majesty it said in the oath, but nothing more.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, that's all.

[Withdraws.

86th Complainant, Gunner R. M'Millan.

Gunner *H. M'Millan* (a native of Glasgow, a warehouseman, attested in Glasgow on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I feel rather aggrieved at being turned over to Her Majesty without asking my leave or anything.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*?—I didn't take the first part of it. I took the other, about the Company.

What is your particular object in complaining now?—Why, sir, I think I ought to have a bounty or a re-enlistment of some description.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

87th Complainant, Gunner J. Miller.

Gunner *J. Miller* (a native of Paisley, a tailor, attested at Westminster on the 27th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel dissatisfied at being handed over to Her Majesty's service without a re-enlistment, when I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—The oath that I took was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if they so long required my services; the half of this oath wasn't read to me.

What have you in view in complaining now?—I want to be re-enlisted or to get my discharge; I don't want my discharge provided I receive a fresh bounty and fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance?—No, no more.

[Withdraws.

88th Complainant, Gunner M. M'Dermott.

Gunner *M. M'Dermott* (a native of Lucan, near Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on 12th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, my complaint is that I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now I hear that the said Company is turned over to Her Majesty, and I don't wish to be turned over that way without getting some satisfaction.

And what satisfaction would you like to get?—Re-enlistment over again or discharge, one of the two.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—Well, I can't exactly say at present, but if I got my discharge I might re-enlist again; I'm not tired of the service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

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Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

89th Complainant, Gunner M. Myers.

Gunner *M. Myers* (a native of Waterford, a labourer, attested at Waterford on the 30th January 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, sir, that I don't like being turned over from the Company to the Queen without a fresh re-enlistment or my discharge.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—Well, sir, I'd take a re-enlistment under certain circumstances; if I got my past service I'd re enlist.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty that I know of in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

90th Complainant, Gunner T. Nelson.

Gunner *T. Nelson* (a native of Greenock, a lithographic printer, attested in London on the 22d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I don't like for to be turned over to the Queen without my consent, when I listed for the East India Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—This is the oath I think I took, the last one, about the Company. I don't remember the other, the first part; it wasn't read over to me.

What is your wish now?—My wish is the option of re-enlistment with a bounty, or my discharge.

And if you had the option, which would you choose?—Why, sir, it just depends upon what they settle at home; but if I had my choice, I would take my discharge.

Any other grievance?—No, sir, that's all.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns a little before four o'clock p. m., till to-morrow, at eleven o'clock a. m.

Ninth Day's Proceedings.—*Wednesday,* 18 *May* 1859.

The Court meet at eleven o'clock, a. m. pursuant to adjournment. All present, as yesterday.

91st Complainant, Gunner P. Owens.

Gunner *P. Owens* (a native of Roscommon, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 20th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I only feel dissatisfied at being turned over without any agreement.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes; I listed for the East India Company, sir, and not for Her Majesty, that I know of. There was nothing about it in my attestation.

Have you any other grievance?—No more, sir.

What is it you wish for now?—I don't know, I'm sure; some recompense of some kind or other; my discharge or a fresh enlistment.

[Withdraws.

92d Complainant, Gunner J. Peters.

Gunner *J. Peters* (a native of Woolwich, a farmer's servant, attested in Westminster on the 11th April 1853), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is this, that I listed for the East India Company's service, and I don't think it's proper being made over against my will, making me break my oath.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*The complainant cannot read*)?—I do, sir; I took the oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and of course the Company don't require my services now.

Was there anything about serving Her Majesty, or Her generals, in the oath you took?—No, sir.

What is your wish now?—My wish is, if I can get my discharge, to go home, as I haven't been well since Delhi. I was throughout the siege, and afterwards fell sick.

Anything else to say?—No, sir; that's all.

[Withdraws.

93d Complainant, Gunner J. Power.

Gunner *J. Power* (a native of Waterford, a tailor, attested at Waterford on the 4th April 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, being transferred from the East India Company to Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath only, not the first part about Her Majesty.

Are you any worse off, or do you expect to be any worse off than you were before you were transferred to Her Majesty?—No, sir, I'm no worse off now; I don't know about expecting.

Then what particular hardship do you think it is, being transferred?—Because I was never sworn to serve Her Majesty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

94th Complainant, Gunner A. Patrick.

Gunner *A. Patrick* (a native of Paisley, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 4th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I was enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, and I don't think it right to be handed over to the Queen without a fresh enlistment and a bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I can't remember; but that oath was not in the attestation that was given me.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

95th Complainant, Gunner H. Ritchie.

Gunner *H. Ritchie* (a native of Armagh, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I am not pleased at being handed over to Her Majesty without my consent, when I listed for the Company. When I first went to Warley, I had listed for the Company's infantry; and before I was made over to Company's artillery, they asked my consent, and I was then attested for the artillery; and I think it wasn't right to make me serve Her Majesty without asking me first, when I didn't list for it.

Have you your attestation paper?— Yes, sir, here it is. (*The attestation paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix* C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*Complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath that is written in my attestation paper, to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

It is entered in your attestation paper that you took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; do you remember that?—No, I don't remember anything about that; I only took the oath to serve the Company,

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, I have not.

[Withdraws.

6th Complainant, Gunner G. C. Reid.

Gunner *G. C. Reid* (a native of Armagh, a clerk, attested in Dublin on the 9th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have merely to say that I listed to serve the East India Company, but my principal complaint is my health. I haven't been well a day since I came to India; and I should like my discharge. If I was well I should be very happy to stay where I am.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*The oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, but not the first; at least, I don't remember doing so, and I am pretty sure I didn't. I don't remember anything about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—Nothing else, sir.

[Withdraws.

97th Complainant, Gunner J. Stannard.

Gunner *J. Stannard* (a native of Newhaven, in Sussex, a labourer, attested in London on the 20th December 1855), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Sir, I listed for the East India Company,

pany, for the term of 12 years, or 14, if required, and I don't see why I should be handed over to Her Majesty without getting any benefit for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Well, I couldn't say, sir; I don't remember that there was.

What is your wish now?—Why, I wish to get a bounty or a free discharge.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—I couldn't say.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

98th Complainant Gunner W. Smith.

Gunner *W. Smith* (a native of London, a clerk, attested at Warley on the 3d December 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, not being enlisted for the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, and promised to bear allegiance to the Company. I didn't take the first part of the oath, that I remember; there was nothing about Her Majesty that I recollect in any oath I took. I was merely asked if I belonged to Her Majesty's army.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, now that the Company has been done away with?—No, sir.

Then what is the particular hardship you complain of?—Why, sir, the country doesn't agree with my health at all, and I want to get my discharge, if I can get it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

99th Complainant, Gunner J. Stacey.

Gunner *J. Stacey* (a native of Castle Carg, in Somersetshire, by trade a saddler, attested in London on the 19th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, sir; and I understand, sir, that I am turned over to the Queen without having been asked.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—Well, sir, I can't exactly say; but I remember taking an oath to serve the East India Company, but not one to serve Her Majesty.

You know, don't you, that you are just the same now under Her Majesty as you would have been had the Company remained; all your former privileges are secured to you?—Yes, sir, I know all this; and I don't wish to leave the country, if I had a fresh bounty and re-enlistment.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

100th Complainant, Gunner J. Thorpe.

Gunner *J. Thorpe* (a native of Maidstone, by trade a tailor, attested at Southampton on the 29th May 1853), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I feel dissatisfied at being turned over to the Queen, when I listed for the Company, and there is no Company now.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, sir, there was nothing of this oath in my attestation. I don't remember taking it, there was nothing about the Queen or successors in my attestation.

There has been no difference, has there, in your pay or anything else, since you were made over to the Queen; indeed, you get a little more pay now than you did, don't you?—I get about three annas a month more now than I did; and there has been no difference in any other way that I know of.

Then what do you think such a particular hardship?—Well, sir, I feel aggrieved at serving in another service when I didn't list for it; I never enlisted for the Queen.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir; but I feel that I expect my discharge or a bounty.

And which would you take if you had the option?—Oh, I'd consider on it, sir.

[Withdraws.

101st Complainant, Gunner R. Trevethick.

Gunner *R. Trevethick* (a native of Cornwall, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 12th March 1855), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I was enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery; and I understand we have been handed over to Her Majesty; and I don't think it's right. I think we ought to be re-enlisted for Her Majesty's service, and that we are not Her soldiers before I am re-enlisted.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant can read very little*)?—I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company, but none to serve Her Majesty.

You are just the same now as you were in the Company's service; indeed, you get rather more pay now than you did formerly, before the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes, just the same, and I get about three annas a month more.

Well, what's the great hardship then?—I don't see any hardship more now than there was before, not a bit; but as I listed for the Company I would rather soldier for the Company.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

What's your particular wish now?—Either re-enlistment with fresh bounty, or free discharge; but I can't say at present which I'd take if I had the choice.

[Withdraws.

102d Complainant, Gunner J. Thompson.

Gunner *J. Thompson* (a native of Glasgow, by trade a brushmaker, attested in Edinburgh on the 25th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Being turned over to Her Majesty's service, sir, when I listed for the East India Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No; I left it at home with my parents.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part for the East India Company, not the first about Her Majesty.

Have you any other grievance?—We are not treated like Queen's soldiers, we got very little pay when we came out from England.

But don't you know that you are just exactly the same with regard to pay, &c., as if the Company had been in existence, except that there has been a small addition to it since the Royal Artillery came to the country?—Yes; the regulations are but little altered as yet.

Have you ever seen the Act of Parliament making over the Company's army to Her Majesty?—No, I have not.

(The Act is shown to complainant, and the clause, affecting the late Company's Army, explained to him.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, none.

What's your particular wish now?—To get my discharge now, sir. If I had the option, I'd go.

[Withdraws.

103d Complainant, Gunner A. Viner.

Gunner *A. Viner* (a native of Kensington, a watchmaker, attested in London on the 11th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was sworn to serve the East India Company, now that it has ceased to exist I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—I had it, but lost it two days ago.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—Yes; I believe I took this oath, as near as I can remember, the usual oath of allegiance to Her Majesty.

Have you suffered in any way, or do you expect to suffer in any way, by being called a soldier of Her Majesty instead of a soldier of the Company?—I can't say, sir, I may be made to suffer, though I don't suffer at present. I chose the service of the Company in preference to the service of Her Majesty.

What is your wish now?—My wish is to have my discharge, sir, which I should take if I had the option.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

104th Complainant, Gunner A. Paul.

Gunner *A. Paul* (a native of Neilson, in Renfrewshire, a valice printer, attested in Glasgow on the 2d March 1854), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted, sir, to serve the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, if the Company so long required my services, and now that the Company has ceased to hold power, I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir; I lost it in the camp before Delhi.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act*, pp. 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I think both these oaths were connected in one that I took; but I consider this oath only bound me during my contract with the East India Company.

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You havn't suffered in any way, nor do you expect to suffer in any way since you were declared to be a soldier of Her Majesty?—No, I havn't suffered, nor have I heard anything to induce me to think that I shall suffer.

Well, what's the great hardship then in being called a Queen's soldier?—I faithfully served the Company as long as they were a Company, and I think I ought to have had a say before I was made over to Her Majesty.

What is your wish now?—My wish is discharge; but I might enlist again in Her Majesty's service if I get it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

105th Complainant, Gunner J. Paul.

Gunner *J. Paul* (a native of Rotherhithe, a labourer, attested at Lambeth on the 19th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was never swore in to serve the Queen. When I listed, I swore to serve the East India Company.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it with my friends at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested—(*The complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, that I was willing to serve the Company for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, no more than I was asked if I belonged to Her Majesty's army.

What's your wish now?—I wish to go home, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

106th Complainant, Gunner J. Wingate.

Gunner *J. Wingate* (a native of Sunbridge, in Kent, a labourer, attested at Lambeth on the 5th November 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Being transferred over to the Queen without my consent.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This one, the latter part, about the Company, is the one I took. I know nothing of the other about the Queen.

You have not suffered in any way, have you, since you were made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir, not the least.

What's the great hardship in it, then?—No hardship in the least, only I like to serve what I list for.

What's your wish now?—I wish to get the chance of volunteering or my discharge, but I havn't properly made my mind up yet which I'd take if I had my choice.

Any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

107th Complainant, Gunner J. Wilson.

Gunner *J. Wilson* (a native of Ottley, in Yorkshire, a labourer, attested in Blackburn on the 23d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing, only that I don't feel satisfied, sir, at being turned over.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's in England.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested—(*Complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir.

Any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing particular to make any report of.

[Withdraws.

108th Complainant, Gunner J. Walter.

Gunner *J. Walter* (a native of Lancashire, a smith, attested in Glasgow on the 5th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Being turned over to Her Majesty without being made acquainted with it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The paper is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.*182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's the oath; I took the last part; I didn't take the first part.

What's your wish in complaining now?—I wish to have the privilege of discharge or bounty; I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice.

Any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

109th Complainant, Gunner J. Welsby.

Gunner *J. Welsby* (a native of Glasgow, a watchmaker, attested in Liverpool on the 6th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, being made over to the Queen, when I never enlisted to serve the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is, the second one; I was attested first for the infantry.

(The attestation paper is examined and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Yes, I believe that's it.

What's your wish now?—Why I wish my discharge, which I'd take if I had the option.

Any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

110th Complainant, Gunner P. White.

Gunner *P. White* (a native of Kilrush, County Clare, Ireland, attested at Warley on the 31st March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, that, I listed to serve the East India Company, and I'm not satisfied to be turned over without my own consent.

If your consent had been asked what would you have said?—I don't know, sir, but if I got the chance to go home, I'd go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

(The paper is examined and is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Have you any other grievance?—I don't think that I have, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company; nothing about Her Majesty.

[Withdraws.

111th Complainant, Gunner R. Wincle.

Gunner *R. Wincle* (a native of Burslem, Staffordshire, a potter, attested at Newcastle-under-Tyne, 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company's service, and as the East India Company is broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it with my parents at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

What's your wish now?—I wish for my discharge; I don't want to enlist again if I got my choice.

Any other grievance?—No, sir, that's all.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourned at four o'clock p.m., till to-morrow the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

TENTH Day's PROCEEDINGS.—*Thursday*, 19 *May* 1859.

The Court met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. All present, as yesterday.

There being no more complainants in the 2d Company of the 4th Battalion of Artillery, the court proceeds to hear the complaints of the men of the 4th Company of the 4th Battalion.

Appendix (K.)

A nominal roll of the company, with "Content" opposite the name of each man who has no complaint to make, is attached to the Proceedings (Appendix K.) and the men appear successively to state their supposed grievance.

112th Complainant, Gunner D. Ferguson.

Gunner *D. Ferguson* (a native of Stirlingshire, a sailor, attested in Dublin on the 23d July 1856), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I feel dissatisfied at being turned over to Her Majesty when I only enlisted to serve the Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't

I didn't take that oath about Her Majesty. I took an oath of allegiance to serve the Company.

You are not a bit worse off, are you now, than you were before you were turned over to Her Majesty, or do you expect to suffer in any way hereafter by the change?—I am no worse off, sir, than I was, but I consider that I am not justified in serving Her Majesty without a fresh enlistment.

Suppose you had the offer, would you choose a fresh enlistment?—I don't know yet, sir; it depends upon circumstances.

Any other grievance?—No, sir, I have no other grievance.

[Withdraws.

113th Complainant, Gunner R. Lewis.

Gunner *R. Lewis* (a native of county Antrim, a bleacher, attested in Liverpool on the 4th May 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the Company and I'm given to understand that no Company exists, and I don't see that I have any right to be handed over to Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I was sworn to serve the Company and be faithful to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, but there was nothing about Her generals and officers in the oath I took.

You haven't suffered in any way, have you, since you were made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir; but I don't see why I should be transferred over to Her Majesty when the Company required my services no longer.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing, only that.

[Withdraws.

114th Complainant, Gunner A. Louden.

Gunner *A. Louden* (a native of Airdrie, a baker, attested at Glasgow on the 12th February 1852), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—The only complaint I have, sir, is serving the Queen when I wasn't enlisted for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, I don't remember taking that oath. I took an oath to serve the East India Company.

You are not a bit worse off now, are you, now that you are serving the Queen instead of the Company?—No, I am rather better off with regard to pay.

Then why do you look upon it as a hardship having to soldier for Her Majesty instead of the Company?—Why, I don't think it a hardship serving Her Majesty, but I think as I didn't list for Her Majesty, that I'm entitled to my discharge, and that I could better myself at home if I got it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, that's all.

[Withdraws.

115th Complainant, Gunner C. F. Morgan.

Gunner *C. F. Morgan* (a native of Philadelphia, in the United States, a shipsmith, attested at Liverpool on the 22d August 1855), is called in court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now I understand the said Company is deceased, I don't see why I should be handed over to Her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, about the Company, but not the part about Her Majesty.

Wasn't Her Majesty's name mentioned at all in the oath you took?—No, sir.

You are just the same in every respect, are you not, as you were before the Company was done away with, and expect no change, do you?—I haven't had much time to see if there is likely to be any change, but there's no change yet, but I wish to mention that I have had no warm clothing served out to me since 1855, and have been obliged to buy my own, and it would be a great thing for me if I could get compensation for the clothing I am entitled to.

But this has not been caused at all by your becoming a soldier of Her Majesty, instead of the Company. Have you complained to your officer about this?—Yes, I have complained and know it's not the fault of my commanding officer, Captain Cox, that I haven't the compensation. I am aware that this has nothing to do with my being turned over to Her Majesty's service.

What do you look upon, then, as such a particular hardship in being made over to Her Majesty, if you are just the same as you were?—Why, sir, I don't wish to be handed over without re-enlistment. I am quite willing to serve Her Majesty faithfully if re-enlisted with a fresh bounty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

116th Complainant, Gunner J. M'Kenzie.

Gunner *J. M'Kenzie* (a native of Aberdeen, a blacksmith, attested in Edinburgh on the 10th July 1854), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I have no complaint that I can say to make. I only came here to know on what grounds I am to be considered one of Her Majesty's soldiers, when I never listed to serve in any of Her Majesty's regiments.

You have heard of the Act of Parliament transferring the Government of India to the Crown? There is the clause under which you are now a soldier of Her Majesty instead of the late Company (*the Act in question is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't mean to doubt the authority of the Act of Parliament at all, but I think I ought to have had a voice in the matter as I listed only to serve the East India Company. It doesn't appear to consist with reason at all, that I should be made to serve Her Majesty without being asked, and the Act might, in my opinion with equal justice, have ordered me after my original term of enlistment had expired to serve for 12 or 14 years more.

What is your wish now?—Why, my wish, sir, is to get my discharge from the service, and I would take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Have you any thing further to say?—Nothing further.

[Withdraws.

117th Complainant, Gunner J. Pluck.

Gunner *J. Pluck* (a native of Wicklow, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 12th January 1853), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have only to say that I didn't enlist to serve under Her Majesty's rules.

You know, don't you, that you are just the same now in every respect as you were under the Company, and that there are no new rules at all?—I know this, but I only listed for the East India Company, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, not exactly, but it was to serve the East India Company.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

What is your particular wish now?—Why, I'd like to have my discharge, but I don't know if I'd take it if I had the choice of re-enlistment.

[Withdraws.

118th Complainant, Gunner R. Stewart.

Gunner *R. Stewart* (a native of Paisley, a boilermaker, attested in Edinburgh on the 20th December 1855), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Sir, I was listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years or two more if required, and now that the said Company has ceased to hold power in India, I don't see how they can require my services any longer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it was lost when I was at Delhi.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I remember only a part of it about serving the Company for 12 years, there was nothing about Her Majesty in it that I can remember.

What is your wish now?—To quit the service if possible. I have no inclination to remain at present if I had the option of going.

Any other grievance?—No, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

119th Complainant, Gunner J. Vincent.

Gunner *J. Vincent* (a native of Corfe Castle, a shoemaker, attested at Lambeth on the 26th August 1855), being called into court is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I don't feel satisfied at being handed over to Her Majesty when I didn't enlist for it, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath about Her Majesty, and the last part I didn't take in that way; it was put to me whether I would serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is your wish now?—Why, sir, I'd like it to be optional with me whether to serve Her Majesty or not, and I can't say which I'd do, if I had the option.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

There being no more complainants in the 4th Company 4th Battalion Artillery, the men of the Artillery recruit depôt are paraded before the court according to the attached list (Appendix L.), and those who have no complaints have "Content" marked opposite their respective names, and are allowed to return to their barracks. The rest withdrawing till to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m., to which hour the court adjourns shortly before 4 p.m.

Appendix (L.)

ELEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Friday, 20 May 1859.*

The court assembles at 11 o'clock, a.m, pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

120th Complainant, Rough-rider C. Adams.

Rough Rider *C. Adams* (a native of Dunoon, in Argyleshire, a mason, attested in London on the 15th October 1853), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I feel aggrieved at this Act of Parliament being passed binding me over to serve Her Majesty, without giving me any reasons why it should be passed. I didn't enlist to serve the Queen; in my enlistment I enlisted to serve the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services so long. I'm quite well aware of taking the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; but I don't consider I'm bound by it to serve as a soldier, unless upon emergency.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but I have my small book, and there is nothing in it about serving Her Majesty.

(The complainant hands in his "small book," which is examined by the Court. It is found that it doesn't contain any record of his enlistment in page 12, that part of the book being blank, therefore no particulars connected with his enlistment can be ascertained from it. He is informed to this effect, and the "small book" returned to him.)

You havn't suffered in any way, have you, and don't expect to suffer in any way by being made over to Her Majesty?—No, sir, and I never grumbled at all at doing my duty, but I feel aggrieved at this Act of Parliament, which I don't think ought to have been passed.

What is your wish now in the matter?—I wish to petition against this Act, and should like to re-enlist or have my discharge; and if I had my choice I'd take my discharge.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

121st Complainant, Gunner J. Ashworth.

Gunner *J. Ashworth* (a native of Rochdale, a weaver, attested at Manchester on the 1st June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required; and I think I ought to get my discharge, or a fresh bounty on re-enlistment.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—Why, sir, I might take a bounty if such a thing were given.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the East India Company; there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

122d Complainant, Gunner J. Abraham.

Gunner *J. Abraham* (a native of Chester, lithographer, attested at Sheffield on the 13th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I think I am entitled to a discharge, because the East India Company is broken up.

There was no East India Company when you enlisted; where is your attestation paper?—Here it is, and my small book too.

(The complainant here hands in his attestation paper, from which it appears, that though he was attested on the 13th September 1858, after the Company's army had been transferred to the Crown, he was attested "to serve in the East India Company's Artillery." The small book has also a similar erroneous entry in page 12, the attestation paper is attached to the Proceedings (Appendix M.), and the small book returned to the complainant.) Appendix (M.)

When did you first discover the error in your attestation paper and small book; you knew there was no Company in existence when you were attested?—I didn't know till three days after I was attested that there was no Company, but I didn't discover till the men begun to talk about this business in the barracks at Warley that my attestation paper and small book were wrong.

You could read and write when you were attested?—Yes, sir.

Do you remember signing the original attestation paper when you were attested?—Yes, I signed a paper at the magistrate's office.

Do you know whether question 8 was put to you in the same words that it is said to have been in this duplicate of attestation (Appendix M.)?—I don't know, I'm sure, sir; I can't recollect it.

Did you never look at your attestation paper at home, when you heard that the Company had been done away with?—No, sir.

Did you never notice the error in question, and now pointed out?—I talked about it to my comrades, but never mentioned it to my officer.

Why not?—Why, sir, there were many the same as myself; some for the East India Company's service, some for Her Majesty, and we didn't understand it.

What is your object in coming here now before this court?—To say that I think I am entitled to my discharge now that this Company is done up.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir; but I don't see how, supposing I served 21 years and was entitled to pension, I might not be kicked out and told I couldn't have one because I listed for the Company.

(Complainant is informed that no such contingency is likely to happen in consequence of a mere error in entering his attestation, and the clause of the Act of Parliament, securing the privileges as to pay and pension, &c. to all soldiers of the Indian army is read and explained to him.)

[Withdraws.

123d Complainant, Gunner R. Bell.

Gunner *R. Bell* (a native of Edinburgh, a coach painter, attested in London on the 10th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years and not exceeding 14 years, and this recent transfer doesn't consist with the oath I took.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

What oath did you take when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part about Her Majesty; not a word was mentioned to me about Her Majesty; I took the last part of the oath about the East India Company.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, but I'd like a fresh enlistment or discharge; and if I had my choice I'd consider of it.

[Withdraws.

124th Complainant, Gunner J. Brown.

Gunner *J. Brown* (native of Kidderminster, a carpet weaver, attested at Shrewsbury on the 2d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is, sir, that I enlisted for the East India Company, and I understand that the Company is no more.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*The oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the first part; I took the second.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—The only thing about Her Majesty, when I was attested, was being asked if I was in Her Majesty's forces or not.

What is your object in complaining now?—I consider that I am entitled to a fresh bounty or discharge, but I haven't considered yet which I'd take if I had the choice given me.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

125th Complainant, Gunner J. Bennet.

Gunner *J. Bennet* (a native of Manchester, a labourer, attested in London on the 13th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, sir, that as I listed for the East India Company, I think now they are broke up I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the option?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

126th Complainant, Gunner J. J. Camp.

Gunner *J. J. Camp* (a native of Dublin, a cabinet-maker, attested in Liverpool on the 21st June 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, sir, and I require either a discharge or re-enlistment with a bounty now that I'm transferred to the Queen's service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule*

Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I recollect taking this, the last part, but not the other to my knowledge.

If you had your choice now, which would you do, re-enlist or take your discharge?—I'd like to consider of it, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else, sir.

[Withdraws.

127th Complainant, Gunner W. Carmody.

Gunner *W. Carmody* (native of Rotherhithe, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 15th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I listed for the East India Company, and I was decidedly one of the Company's subjects, and I consider that now the Company is broke up that I am a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I tore it up. I did'nt think it was of any use to me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Why, sir, the first part of that oath is decidedly for Her Majesty's service, I took something like it, but I can't exactly remember what it was, but I decidedly listed for the East India Company's service, and was sworn in for it.

What is your wish or object now?—I consider the Government is no more, and I want my discharge or re-enlistment with a bounty. I should consider of it if I had my choice, but I should likely re-enlist.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

128th Complainant, Gunner and Acting Serjeant J. Courtney.

Gunner and acting serjeant *J. Courtney* (a native of Woolwich, a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 22d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I don't think it is a legal transfer to Her Majesty when I was enlisted for the Company.

How do you mean not legal. Don't you know that you were transferred by Act of Parliament, by the law of the land?—I wasn't aware that I was transferred by Act of Parliament.

(Complainant is informed that such is the case, and the clause of the Act making the transfer is read and explained to him.)

Examination resumed.

You see now it was legal, what other objection have you to make?—Why, sir, I should have thought that a man was entitled to re-enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I remember that in the first part about bearing true allegiance to Her Majesty but not about obeying Her generals and officers. The second part of the oath about the Company I recollect taking.

What is your object in complaining now?—I wish a re-enlistment, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—My object in complaining was that I had never heard of this Act of Parliament making us over to Her Majesty, I have nothing else.

[Withdraws.

129th Complainant, Gunner D. Bell.

Gunner *D. Bell* (a native of county Down, a weaver, attested at Glasgow on the 16th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing, sir, only that since the Company was broke up, I think I am entitled to a discharge or re-enlistment.

Which of these would you take if you had the choice?—I couldn't say, sir, till I see'd the two laid down before me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

130th Complainant, Gunner J. Cumberbeach.

Gunner *J. Cumberbeach* (a native of Blackburn, a blacksmith, attested in Blackburn on the 18th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and I think I'm a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here's my small book.

(The small book is examined by the court, and it appears according to the entry in page 12 that he was enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 18th September 1858. A copy of the entire page is made and attached to the Proceedings, Appendix N.)

Appendix (N.)

Didn't you know when you enlisted, that there was no Company?—No, sir, not then; but I did three days afterwards when I got to Warley.

Did you then complain to any officer about it?—No, sir.

Why not?—I don't know, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Did you sign any paper after you were attested?—Yes, I signed my own name after being attested on the paper.

When did you first complain about the error in your small book?—Never before now, sir. The serjeant told me, sir, when he listed me, Serjeant William Whitworth, recruiting at the White Bull at Blackburn, that I was listed for the Honourable East India Company, and the magistrate swore me in for the same. I am able to read.

[Withdraws.

131st Complainant, Gunner J. Coxe.

Gunner *J. Coxe* (a native of Dublin, a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 16th May 1858), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint, sir, is, that I enlisted for the East India Company, and now that the Company is done away with, I think I am entitled to my discharge, having been made over to Her Majesty without any explanation.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—No, sir, I don't recollect any part of it whatever.

What's your object in complaining now?—A new enlistment or discharge. It requires a little consideration which I'd take if I had the option.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

132d Complainant, Gunner J. Cunningham.

Gunner *J. Cunningham* (a native of county Down, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 15th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I haven't much to say about it, but as I listed for the East India Company, and not for the Queen, I should like to have my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I would go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant says he is "not good at reading"*)?—Well, sir, I think the oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years if required; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Have you any other grievance?—Nothing else, sir.

[Withdraws.

133d Complainant, Gunner J. Caffrey.

Gunner *J. Caffrey* (a native of county Meath, a sawyer, attested in Dublin on 15th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it, but here is my small book.

(The small book is examined by the court and in page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.), it is entered that he was "enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 13th September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

Did'nt you know that there was no Company when you enlisted?—No, sir, I only knew of it when I got to Dum-Dum in February last.

When did you first complain in this matter?—Yesterday when we were brought here.

Why did'nt you complain before?—Well, I wasn't right sure that I was turned over to the Queen till I came here.

What is it you want now?—Why, sir, I listed for the Company; Serjeant Morris listed me for the Company, and I want my choice of a fresh enlistment or discharge.

Did you sign any paper when you were attested?—Yes, I signed my attestation paper.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, no other grievance.

[Withdraws.

Gunner

Gunner *M. Corbett* (a native of Tipperary, a groom, attested at Clonmel on the 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 134th Complainant, Gunner M. Corbett.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if they required my services; and I'd like to serve nothing except what I listed for.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the East India Company; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

What is your object in complaining now?—Well I wish my discharge or re-enlistment, I am not rightly settled which yet.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Duffin* (a native of Dundee, a clerk, attested in Dundee on the 6th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 135th Complainant, Gunner J. Duffin.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for a term of 12 years, if the Company so long required my services. The Company doesn't exist now, and of course can't require my services, and I consider myself a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't think I took any part of this oath, sir.

What is your object in complaining now?—I applied for my discharge; at least my parents did at Warley, and it wasn't allowed, and I am extremely anxious to get my discharge now, because I don't consider myself to be a soldier.

You know, don't you, what an Act of Parliament is, and are you not aware that the army of the Company was transferred to the Crown by Act of Parliament?—Yes, I know it was done by an Act of Parliament, but it was an arbitrary proceeding to hand over a body of men without asking their consent, and the matter wasn't argued in Parliament, it was settled by the Crown lawyers; and besides, Lord Palmerston, whom I consider to be one of the highest authorities in England, said that we were entitled to our discharge. He was Prime Minister at the time, and his word in the matter ought to go for something.

Have you any other grievance?—No, that's all I've got.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Davies* (a native of Bedminster, near Bristol, a stoker, attested in London on the 8th of June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 136th Complainant, Gunner J. Davies.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Yes, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company; I was sworn in to this in London for 12 years, or for 14 if the Company should require my services, and I see that the Company have resigned, and as I am transferred to the Queen without my consent, I should like to know whether I am entitled to my discharge or not, sir.

If you had the option of taking your discharge, would you take it?—I can't say at present whether I would.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Davies* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 137th Complainant, Gunner T. Davies.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company, not the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, I was enlisted first to serve in the infantry and then afterwards to serve in the artillery, and here are both attestation papers.

(The two attestation papers are here examined by the court, and they are found to be the same in every respect as Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C. In the first it is recorded, that on the 4th June 1858, Gunner Davies was attested to serve the East India Company's Infantry, and in the second, that on the 12th June 1858 he was attested to serve in the East India Company's Artillery.)

Examination resumed.

How came you to go into the artillery, did you receive any fresh bounty when you were re-attested for the artillery?—It was my own wish to go into the artillery, but I got no fresh bounty, only a fresh shilling when re-attested. As it was necessary to re-attest me

for the artillery, I don't see why I should be turned over to the Queen without a fresh enlistment.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing at all.

What's your wish now?—If there is any bounty coming out, I'd consider about it; but if there's a discharge, I'd rather have my discharge.

How do you mean you'd consider about a bounty?—Why, I'd consider whether I'd take a bounty, but I'd sooner have my discharge; I should like to have my choice.

[Withdraws.

138th Complainant, Gunner J. Davidson.

Gunner *J. Davidson* (a native of Forfar, an engineer, attested at Newcastle on the 13th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I have no complaint to make exactly, but I would wish to know who I am serving for, as I listed for the Company on the 12th of September last.

Have you your attestation paper?—No. sir, but here is my small book.

(The small book is examined by the Court, and in page 12, which is found to correspond exactly with a similar page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N,) It is entered that Gunner Davidson was "enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 13th September 1858."

Examination resumed.

When did you first ascertain the error in your small book, and where did you get the book from?—Not till we were getting into the Bay of Bengal in the month of February last. The serjeant of No. 7 Company, Serjeant Wells, gave me the book at Warley.

When did you first complain about the mistake in the book?—I never complained at all till yesterday morning, sir, when we were all marched up here, and asked if we had any complaints; that is all I wish to say. I am willing to do my duty, and I have never refused to do it, and all I want to know is who I am serving for.

[Withdraws.

139th Complainant, Gunner M. Cleary.

Gunner *M. Cleary* (a native of Glasgow, a farrier, attested on the 24th September 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have got very little to say, sir, but I listed for the East India Company's service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took that part about the Company, not the other.

What is your wish in complaining now?—I never enlisted for the Queen; but most likely I would if I got a fresh bounty.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

140th Complainant, Gunner P. Donahoe.

Gunner *P. Donahoe* (a native of county Cavan, a groom, attested in Dublin on the 6th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My only complaint is, I listed for the East India Company on the 6th September 1858, and there is no Company now.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here's my small book.

(The small book is examined by the court, and in page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.) it is entered that J. Donahoe was "enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, on the 6th September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

When did you first find out that there was a mistake in your small book (*the complainant cannot read*)?—There was no mistake, sir, the Company wasn't done away in Dublin when I enlisted; the recruiting serjeant told me so, and I saw it was on the placard, and I wouldn't have enlisted if I knew I hadn't been enlisting for the Company; I have nothing else to say, sir, except that I think I am entitled to my discharge.

[Withdraws.

141st Complainant, Gunner W. Dunn.

Gunner *William Dunn* (a native of London, a porter, attested at Lambeth on the 9th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and since then the Company is broke, and I consider myself a free man, and that I ought to have a discharge or else a fresh bounty.

Which would you take of these if you had your choice?—Why, sir, I'd like to consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I think I took the last part.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, none.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourn shortly after 4 o'clock p. m., till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Proceedings continued at page 203.

Enclosure 27, in No. 12.

(No 733.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 27, in No. 12.

From Jubbulpoor.—From Major General *Whitlock.*

To Calcutta.—To Major General *Birch.*

9th June.—I INSPECTED the 3d Madras Europeans this morning; not a complaint of any kind; every thing orderly and soldierlike. I have ordered the Court of Inquiry to assemble to record the former complaints made by the men on the bounty question.

Enclosure 28, in No. 12.

From Major *H. W. Norman,* Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Military Department; No. 504, dated Head Quarters Simla, the 31st May 1859. Encl. 28, in No. 12.

From Colonel *S. T. Christie,* Commanding 80th Regiment, President of Special Court of Inquiry, to the Assistant Adjutant General; dated Cawnpore, the 18th May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to request you will kindly lay before the Major General Commanding, the accompanying extract from the proceedings of the committee of which I am president; and as I believe there are several similar cases amongst the men of the late Company's European troops, I would respectively submit that an application might be made, that as these men are now Queen's soldiers, they may be allowed to count their former service in Queen's regiments, if enlisted within six months.

EXTRACT from the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry held at Cawnpore on the 17th May 1859.

No. 9387, Gunner *Charles Bennett,* being called into Court, and the order read to him, is questioned as follows:—

State to the Court what the nature of your grievance is regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read.

"I formerly belonged to Her Majesty's 50th Regiment, and purchased my discharge from that service; at the time I enlisted for the East India Company's service, 21st March 1857, I produced my discharge certificate; shortly after I joined the depôt at Warley; Colonel Leslie, the commandant sent for me; I was told that I could not reckon my previous service, although six months had not elapsed since I had obtained my discharge, because I had enlisted into a different service; had I re-enlisted into Her Majesty's, my past service would have been allowed to reckon. I now feel aggrieved at having been transferred again to Her Majesty's service without any option in the matter, and without my former service being allowed to reckon; I do not think it right I should be transferred without being allowed to reckon my first service. I recollect taking the oath both times when enlisting for Her Majesty's service, and again for the East India Company's service, and to the best of my belief the words of the oath are the same, with the addition of a little for the Company's service."

C. F. Browne, Captain,
Deputy Judge Advocate General,
Conducting the Proceedings.

Cawnpore, 18 May 1859.

MEMORANDUM.

FORWARDED, in original, by desire of the Commander in Chief, to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, for submission to his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Lord Clyde remarks, that this man's claim is believed to be that of many others, and that the question raised is one deserving of consideration.

No. 13.

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(Separate.)

No. 84 of 1859.—Military Department.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M. P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter, No. 75 of the 11th instant, we have the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information the further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut, up to and including the 16th day's sitting, and which completes the investigation of the complaints of the artillery at that station.

Enclosed is a petition from Gunner Henderson, of the 2d Company 6th Battalion Artillery, relative to the transfer of the troops of the East India Company to the service of the Crown, in forwarding which the Commander in Chief draws attention to the petition as illustrative of the arguments that present themselves to the minds of the soldiers in connection with this subject.

His Lordship has also forwarded several letters from and to British soldiers in Her Majesty' Indian forces, in which allusion is made to the present feeling of discontent. These will be found among the enclosures.

Major General Sir R. Napier reports satisfactorily as to the conduct and bearing of the 3d European Regiment at Gwalior.

The men of the Grenadier and Light Companies, and the greater part of No. 1 Company have been examined before the Court of Inquiry, and the principal grounds of complaint in which there is little variety, are similar to those advanced by the men at Meerut and elsewhere. Their statements (which have not been transmitted to us) are said to be well studied and guarded, and Sir R. Napier is of opinion that many men really desire their discharge.

Major General Whitlock has inspected the 3d Madras European Regiment. No complaint was made to him personally, and he found everything orderly and soldierlike. A Court of Inquiry is recording the former complaints of the men on the bounty question.

We have, &c.

Canning.
J. Outram.
H. B. Harington.
B. Peacock.

Fort William, 17 June 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 13.

(No. 531.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 1, in No. 13.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, a petition, in original, from Gunner Josiah Henderson, of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion, Artillery, enclosed in his letter of the 26th ultimo, relative to the transfer of the troops of the late East India Company to the immediate service of the Crown.

2. Lord Clyde desires to draw the attention of his Excellency to this petition, as illustrative of the arguments that present themselves to the minds of the soldiers in connexion with this subject.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
1 June 1859.

To the Right Honourable Lord *Clyde*, &c. &c. &c.

My Lord,

BRIGADIER SHOWERS having refused to forward the enclosed petition, I have been compelled, in all humility, to submit the same direct for the gracious consideration of your Lordship.

I have, &c.
J. Henderson, Gunner,
2d Company, 6th Battalion, Bengal Artillery.

Agra,
26 May 1859.

The Humble Petition of *Josiah Henderson*, of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, to the Right Honourable Lord *Clyde*, &c. &c. &c., Commander in Chief, East Indies,

Humbly showeth,

THAT your Lordship's humble petitioner was enlisted for service in the late Honourable East India Company's Artillery, at London, on the 9th September 1852.

That your humble petitioner had the oath of servitude administered to him about that time by a magistrate, within the Marlborough-street Police Court, in the following manner, namely, "Are you willing to serve," &c., "provided the said Company should so long require your service?"

That in taking that oath your humble petitioner was impressed with the idea that the foregoing proviso was purposely inserted to provide for such a contingency as has lately happened, namely, the dissolution of the aforesaid Company; and that such services were only to be considered as binding so far.

That your humble petitioner believes that ($\frac{9}{10}$) nine-tenths of all the soldiers who enlisted for service with the late Honourable East India Company, under the Limited Service Act, are, with respect to the aforesaid services, of the same opinion with your humble petitioner.

That your Lordship's humble petitioner has learned with the most poignant regret (as tending to sever a large portion of the aforesaid forces from what some people apparently consider the path of duty and rectitude) that the Parliament of Great Britain (regardless of the true sense of the oath of servitude, as understood and taken by these men) have collectively passed into law a Bill by which, among other things, the services of these soldiers have been transferred *in toto* to the Crown; and further, that the said Parliament, concurring with the opinion expressed by the law officers of the Crown, have declared that certain representations made by certain of the aforesaid soldiers respecting the same were "inadmissible." *Vide* notification No. 480 of 1859, by the Right Honourable the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council.

That your Lordship's humble petitioner gladly avails himself of the permission granted in a recent General Order issued by your Lordship's chief of the staff, consequent on a late affray at Meerut and other places, in all humility to lay before your Lordship direct his own grievances, which your humble petitioner would have done long ago, but for certain irregularities which your humble petitioner observed in what is denominated, in official language, "the regular channel." When your humble petitioner had occasion to apply for a court-martial in 1854, relative to charges brought against your humble petitioner, seriously maligning his character, by the superintendent of electric telegraphs in India, contained in a public letter to the then Lieutenant Colonel George Campbell, commanding at that time the 6th Battalion Bengal Artillery, the Brigadier of the station (Agra), H. F. Salter, did not even receive the complaint of your humble petitioner, although reported to that officer by his * commanding officer, that your humble petitioner had a grievance to forward: and one thing is clear, your Lordship, that the grievance (a very

* Your humble petitioner's.

serious one) adduced by your humble petitioner was not attended to, as, in accordance with the rules of justice in the army, your humble petitioner would have been led to expect; or forwarded to the proper authorities; and, further, that your humble petitioner, when on field service in Central India last year, went to report a grievance relative to the late "Act" to his immediate commanding officer, Lieutenant (now Second Captain) C. S. Lemarchand, Bengal Artillery, and that that officer in reply desired your humble petitioner to "go to his tent for a fool;" and that in consequence of the foregoing, your Lordship's humble petitioner has had no confidence to place in the regular channel until the recent arrival of your humble petitioner's present commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Henry A. Maxwell, Bengal Artillery, who has unhesitatingly given every necessary attention to the grievances of your Lordship's humble petitioner and others.

That your Lordship's humble petitioner respectfully begs to "protest" against the aforementioned Parliamentary Bill as being unconstitutional, in so far that it was impressed on the mind of your humble petitioner, when he enlisted for service in the Bengal Artillery, that the Crown had nothing whatever to do with him; and that in the event of the Honourable East India Company being dissolved, as it has lately been, your humble petitioner has believed all along that he would be a free man, and would be entitled to his discharge from the army, and a passage to the place of his enlistment (London), in correct accordance with the rules of the service and of the State; all of which your humble petitioner respectfully claims, in strict unison with the terms of his covenant with the aforesaid Company; and if your Lordship's humble petitioner was at the time of his enlistment into the Bengal Artillery, or since that time, considered either directly or indirectly a soldier serving under the Crown, he was never made aware of the fact, and had certainly not the slightest idea of the kind when he took the oaths to the Honourable East India Company.

That your Lordship's humble petitioner has been made aware that on the annexation to the Crown of the island of St. Helena, from the late Honourable East India Company, the Government unhesitatingly permitted the soldiers whom the Honourable East India Company previously enlisted for service, and who were then serving in that island, to take their discharge, with a passage home, or otherwise to re-enlist, with a bounty, for service in the East Indies. Several of the names of these re-enlisted men, who served afterwards or are still serving in Bengal, your humble petitioner could mention; and further begs respectfully to state that he cannot understand why the Government should readily permit the privilege of their apparent rights to the men of one dependency, and not to those of another, on the transfer of the same to the Crown.

That your Lordship's most humble petitioner has most heartily served—in his own sphere in Central India throughout the late mutiny of the native Bengal army and the subsequent rebellion of the native population, and has been engaged against the rebels four times, and assisted at the capture of 37 guns from the rebels in the field, and was present and doing duty during the whole time his company, numbering about 82, assisted by the officers and non-commissioned officers of the native regiments who mutinied there, were beleaguered in the walled arsenal of Mhow, in which they lay under their guns and about these walls nightly, and who were during the day employed working with picks, and shovels, and axes, and carts, and handspikes, and gyns, and dragropes, and artillery implements of all sorts, &c., &c., &c., for a month, July 1857, defending the same against all the rebels in a radius of about 100 miles, until relieved by a brigade from Bombay.

That your Lordship's humble petitioner has had his full share of all the hardships incident to the life of a private soldier in the tropics, and more especially during such harassing operations, through all seasons of the year, as the late rebellion called forth on the part of the European soldiers of the late Honourable East India Company and others, and also during a season of cholera epidemic in the station in which your Lordship's humble petitioner is now serving, when a large per centage of your humble petitioner's company died within a very short time, and he therefore naturally considers that his country owes him every justice; and having served in India six years, all but one month, to the present time, continuously on the plains, and taking every care that could possibly be of his health, that thereby his services might be constantly at the disposal of his country, respectfully begs to submit that, judging from his own personal experience, a term of six years' general servitude in India is the utmost moment that an European can reckon on perfect good health as a private soldier, and therefore prays your Lordship would be graciously pleased to take into consideration the above term of six years, that thereby, after such term of service in India, soldiers might be permitted to serve another term in a less tropical and more salubrious climate, instead of having no hope or anything to look forward to but a lifetime expatriation, in a climate in which there are so many chances againts one's very existence at all times, and considering that Her Majesty's Government have long deemed a service of five years to be as much as troops can bear in other tropical dependencies.

That, with reference to the preceding explanation, your humble petitioner believes your Lordship cannot be surprised that soldiers, while there is yet a hope of retrieving their past error in coming to the country at all, should desire with all their might, and use every means in their power, to take advantage of such hope, seeing that Government do not allow them the same advantages as their brother soldiers in other tropical climates, who have no more claim on the Government than their neighbours, who are compelled to serve, in many cases all their lives, in India, partly in some of the most unhealthy stations in the world, and seeing that such an opportunity is afforded them in the dissolution of the late Honourable East India Company.

That

That your Lordship's most humble petitioner, with a proper feeling of patriotism, earnestly hopes that Her Majesty's Government will not press the provisions of a Bill on thousands of men who have deserved well of their country, and only through whose almost superhuman exertions the British flag is now waving on the plains of Hindostan.

And your Lordship's most humble petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Josiah Henderson, Gunner,
2d Company, 6th Batt., Bengal Artillery.

Agra, 17 May 1859.

H. H. Maxwell, Captain and Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding 2d Company, 6th Batt., Bengal Artillery.

20 May 1859.

Postscript.—That your Lordship's most humble petitioner, with reference to a memorandum dated at Agra, 18th May 1859, from the Adjutant, Artillery Division, to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell, stating that the tone and tenor of the foregoing petition was dictatorial, your Lordship's humble petitioner most respectfully begs to state that in framing the same he did so with a feeling that it should be anything but dictatorial, and respectfully prays your Lordship to receive the same in this manner; and that your humble petitioner, not having access to books of regulations of the service, has done his best under the circumstances, and in all humility submits the same to the charitable consideration of the Right Honourable Lord Clyde.

J. Henderson.

Enclosure 2, in No. 13.

(No. 563.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. **Encl. 2, in No. 13**

Sir,

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, to transmit for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, the original letters, as per annexed list, from and to British soldiers of the late East India Company's service, which have been forwarded for Lord Clyde's perusal, and in which allusion is made to the present feeling of discontent.

I have, &c.

Head Quarters, Simla,
3 June 1859.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

LIST.

1. From Private J. Mills, No. 4 Company, 3d European Regiment, to Private L. Melody, 1st Bengal Fusiliers; dated Morar, Gwalior, 21 May 1859.
2. From Farrier A. Murphy, 3d Troop, 3d Brigade Horse Artillery, to Private Patrick Dennine, 1st Bengal Fusiliers; dated Muttra, 20 May 1859.
3. From John Kilgallen, 3d European Regiment, to J. Corrigan, 1st Fusiliers; dated Gwalior, 21 May 1859.

Dear Florance, Morar, Gwalior, 21 May 1859.

I NOW take the opportunity of writing these few lines to you, hoping it will find you in good health, as it leaves me at present. Dear friend, I suppose you have heard about the disaffection of the 3d Regiment. On the 10th of May there was A. C. O. parade order, at five o'clock a. m., when the turn-out sounded; there was no one the parade ground, only a few old hands, and the non-com^{d}. When the C. O. come down he was surprised in not finding the reg^{t} on the parade as usual; he immediately asked the reason of it, but nobody known; he then ordered the five men that was out on parade to go and try to bring the remainder out, but it was to no purpose; in the evening there was Brigadier's parade, but the regiment still remained in barrack, did not turn out. The Brigadier and the commissioned officer, and some more officers came into the barracks to ask the men what was their reason for not going to parade; the men told them that they enlisted to serve the honble Company for the period of 10 or 12 years, if required; but now that Company is abolished, and that wanted a free discharge, or re-enlistment, with a bounty. The Brigadier then told them to send in their petitions and grievances to his office, and he would forward them to Commander in Chief, but not without every man was at the duty. The regiment did not refuse to mount guards, either station or regiment, but would not go to parades until they got a sufficient answer. The Brigadier ordered the regiment to be confined to barracks, and the canteen closed, which it was for 10 days. When the General come into the station, he called a committee to sit immediately, to inquire into the grievances of the 3d Europeans; he com-

menced with the Grenadier's Company, asking every man singly, one by one, what grievances he had to make. They one and all told him that they wanted a free discharge, or a re-enlistment. He is still going on with the remainder of the regiment. On the 20th of this month, May, he ordered a parade, in the evening, at half-past five o'clock; every man turned out. He put the regiment through a few movements, or at least ordered the commissioned officer to do it, after which he formed us up in the close column, and addressed us in few words on the subject; he told us that whatever grievances the regiment had to make, that he would forward it to the Commander in Chief. He released the regiment from confinement to barracks, and opened the canteen as usual. There was roll-call parade this morning; but when it comes to drill I don't know how it will turn out; but I think the regiment will go on until they get an answer from the Home Government, which I hope it will not be long first. Please to let me know how things is going on in the first, concerning the affair. Please to give my best respect to Heartly; tell him that I am in good health, and I hope he is the same. I would have wrote to you before now, but on account of the regiment being knocked about from one place to another since we left Allyghur, that I have not had the opportunity of doing so.

Sic in orig.

So, no more at present from yours, &c.

P. P. J. Mills.

Note.—Please to let me know how you are settled, as soon as practicable, and let me the particulars. No more at present from yours,

J. Mills.

Address: Regt 278, Priv. J. Mills,
No. 4 Company, 3d Europn Regt, Morar, Gwalior.

Dear Patrick, Muttra, May the 20th 1859.

I TOOK this favourable opportunity of writing these few lines to you, hoping this to find you in as good a state of health as it leaves me in at present; thanks be to God for his mercy to us all. Dear Patrick, I must inform you that this station that they transported us into, is the devil's own place; there is nothing to be had that would suit a European, and it is as dull as a graveyard. I have nothing of any importance to mention in this; but because as you did not write, I thought that I should see and certify how your health was going on since we last met. Paddy, there has been great reports about some troops and companies mutinying in different parts of the country. I do not know is it true or not; but Captain Light's Battery is in open mutiny in Gwalior, and the 3d Regiment of Europeans and this troop is expecting your regiment to turn out soon. This troop is all right at present; we have only one man disaffected, and that is a fogy. I suppose you heard of your share of the Delhi prize-money, four annas and two pies; very good treatment after all the little fellow done for them. I think a few years more company with the up-country fellow would be very much required; they are getting safe now, when the work is nearly done. I should like to see the safe lighted in four or five places; because if God don't crush them for their tyrany he is not a just man.

Sic in orig.

Let me know what are you going to do; are you going home, or remain in the country, which? I must conclude, hoping thus to find you in the enjoyment of good health.

I remain your sincerely and affectionate friend until death,

A. Murphy.

Answer soon, and give my best respects to all them in the regiment that know me. Good morning.

Direct to Farrier A. Murphy, 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, H. A., Muttra.

A. Murphy.

Gwalior, 21 May 1859.

MY dear friend John Callagan, if you are alive I take the favourable opportunity of writing these few lines to you, hoping to find you and all your comrades in good health, as this leaves me in at present, thanks be to God for his kind mercy to us all. My dear friend John, let me know how is the whole of my comrades in the company, and the state of the regiment, and them that died in the company, or is Frank Murphy alive in the company or not; give my best respect Wright, Regan, Langan, Glassy, and the whole of them. I cannot think of the half of them; but I see the whole of them in the company, and in the regiment. I made application for to go to the artillery, and I did not get the answer yet from them; but about the time I will get the answer of this letter I will be able to let you know of it. My John, our regiment would do nothing this last 10 days until they get the answer what is to be done; we done nothing for 10 days, and the General came to us last night and released us; we were confined to barracks, and the canteen was shut on us, and he is examined every one of us to see what is our complaint; the whole regiment broke out and did the same this; alas! not one man turned out; but old hands, the few of us. I did turn out, for I was not such a fool as the rest of them; but I think it will do a good turn to some one or other. My dear friend, I was reduced the other day. My dear friend, the duty is hard here; we have but two or three nights in bed this last two years. I never get four nights of yet since the row began; my dear friend, our different is in Agra and we are here, and they are building barracks, and it is very hot hear; our quarter-guard is in tents, and the remainder of us is in barracks; there is five companies of us here, and three

Sic in orig.

three in the fort of Gwalior, and two in Sepry since; we are well posted from one another; all our men is asking for their discharge of the General; they told him that they should not soldier for the Queen without they are listed over again and get the bounty; but they are all for going home, and not to stop a time in the country. Let me know is my draft going home or not; if they don't let me go to the artillery I will go to the first again if they give me my back service; but if not, I will go home. My dear friend, don't forget, send me a word about everything occurring in the regiment, or what do you think of this affair with us. I have know more to say to you at present, but I remain your true and faithful friend, *John Killgallen*, until death has parted us. *Sic in orig.*

James Fould thanks you very much if you let him know if Patrick M'Mahan, in No. 7 Company, is alive, that he wrote to him several times and got no answer from him yet, and let me know about them, M'Cleain, No. 8 Company, and Grooley, No. 1 Company, and James Summers, No. 10 Company, and Don Dwire, No. 9 Company. I send you all my best respects to you, and also to the whole of the men of the regiment. We might meet at Calcutta, at some other place.

Enclosure 3, in No. 13.

(No. 575.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 3, in No. 13.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter of yesterday, No. 563, I have the honour to forward, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, two letters, as per margin,* received from the Military Secretary to the Chief Commissioner in Oude.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
4 June 1859.

Dear Jim, Gonda, 17 May 1859.

I should have wrote to you long before this, but circumstances would not permit it. Our left half troops has just returned, after chasing the rebels for six months; we had very few engagements with them worth notice; the European cavalry at Allahabad mutinied at, if I may call it so, about a month ago, and had it not been for our troop being divided at the time, we should certainly have joined them; but now, as we are going into quarters, and having heard that your troop is disarmed, all our own troop is very much dissatisfied, and will very soon follow your example, if it true; so now, dear, dear Jim, write as soon as you receive this, for we will be in Allahabad in ten days, and then being all together we'll very soon come to a determination. Jackson sends his respects to Jackson of your troop.

No more, but remains your

M. M'Kenzie,
2d Troop, 2d Brigade, H. A.

Dear John, Lucknow, 17 May 1859.

I now write to you, hoping to find you in good health, as I am at present. Dear John, it makes me very uneasy at not hearing from you before this; the last letter of yours I received was April 15th dated, which I immediately answered after receiving it. I received a letter from my father a week after. He is very well, as are also all the remainder of the family; they are also living at Cullenswood yet. He often hears from your mother, who is also in very good health, but she was very much troubled about not hearing from you, and she is exceedingly surprised that you did not receive any of her letters, though she has written you several. My father said he would posting a letter for you at the same time he posted it for me; let me know did you get it yet. Dear John, you have doubtless disturbance in Meerut among the late Company's troops. They held two meetings for the purpose of seeing into the reason why they did not get their discharge, and they declare they will not serve the Queen any longer. The Commander in Chief went down there, and he has ordered a Court of Inquiry to be held, for the purpose of each man to leave his grievance before; but scarcely had this been doing at Meerut when news of a similar demonstration arrived, said to have occurred at Allahabad; that there was one non-commissioned officer shot while attempting to interfere with the men, who all declare they will

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* 1. From J. M'Kenzie, 2d Troop, 2d Brigade, Horse Artillery, to Gunner J. Glass, 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery, dated Gonda, 17 May 1859. 2. From R. Walsh to Gunner J. Whelan, 2d Troop, 2d Brigade, Horse Artillery, dated Lucknow, 17 May 1859.

will not serve the Queen; there was also a similar state of feeling manifested by the 2d Europeans at Delhi; the captain of our company read out an order (yesterday morning while at parade) of the Governor General, stating that our discharge was inadmissible, and that we were to be transferred over to the Crown without being re-enlisted, and he asked any one that was disaffected to come to the point, at which some of came forward, and as I was the first, he asked me to state my grievance, and I was nearly half an hour arguing with him, and also produced my attestation papers, after which he acknowledged that we were not bound to serve the Queen, but that we were transferred for the benefit of the old soldiers, whom it would not be right to discharge; but I told him that difficulty could be easily obviated by offering a fresh bounty, and that they would not only get all the old soldiers back, but a great portion of the young ones also. He then asked me if I was willing to serve Her Majesty, but I told him I was not. After me there came some others, and our case was yesterday forwarded to the Commander in Chief. Some more went to the captain this morning, but he told them that there enough of statements gone up to Meerut already showing that this company is disaffected; let me know in your next what your troop think about the transfer to the Crown. I have no more to say at present, but write to me immediately.

Your affectionate cousin,

Richard Walsh.

To John Whelan, 2/2 H. A.

Enclosure 4, in No. 13.

Encl. 4, in No. 13. From Brigadier General Sir *R. Napier*, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, to Major General Sir *W. Mansfield*, K.C.B., Chief of the Staff.

Sir, Gwalior, Monday, 23 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that the 3d Bengal European Regiment was paraded and marched round in review order on Friday evening.

The conduct and bearing of the men were satisfactory. The whole regiment was present except those on duty, or sick, or in confinement.

The Grenadier and Light Companies, and the greater part of No. 1 Company, have been before the Court.

The principal complaint, in which there is little variety, is, that when the men enlisted for the East India Company's service they took no oath to serve in Her Majesty the Queen's army; and therefore, since the Company's service has ceased to be, they think themselves entitled to a free discharge.

Their statements are well studied and guarded; and, as far as I can judge of the men whom I have seen, I believe many really desire their discharge.

The prisoners remain in confinement pending orders.

I have, &c.
R. Napier, Brigadier General,
Commanding Gwalior Division.

(No. 577.)

FORWARDED by order of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
4 June 1859.

Enclosure 5, in No. 13.

(No. 342.)

Encl. 5, in No. 13. To Major General *Birch*, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour of informing you that telegrams to the following effect have this day been despatched to you:—

9th June.—I inspected the 3d Madras Europeans this morning.
Not a complaint of any kind; everything orderly and soldierlike.

I have

I have ordered the Court of Inquiry to assemble to record the former complaints made by the men on the bounty question.

I have, &c.
G. C. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters, Saugor Field Division,
Camp Jubbulpore, 9 June 1859.

Enclosure 6, in No. 13.

EXTRACT of an Anonymous Letter from Gwalior Cantonments to Corporal *Patrick Byrne*, 5th Company, 1st E. B. F. at Dugshaie, dated Gwalior, 29 May 1859. Encl. 6, in No. 13.

There is great work in our regiment about this last order that was read out to us. None of the men would go on to parade for ten days; and, mind you, the Brigadier ordered a parade, and all the troops in the station was formed up, thinking to frighten the men. So the dress was sounded, and there was three cheers giving, so all the that was on the parade was the non-commissioned officer. Well, then, the Brigadier dismounted, and he asked the men what was the reason the did not attend parade. So the all told him that the did not intend to soldier any longer for the Queen; that the did not enlist for to serve her. So he gave out an order to make out a statement for each company. So this was done, and the canteen was shut, and the regiment was confined to barracks for further orders. So we were that way for ten days, until the General of the division came in to Gwalior. So there was a committee sat for to hear what every one had to say for themselves. So when that was all over the then was formed up at the end of there own barracks; and there officers told them that the expected them all to attend the General's parade the next morning, that he had something to tell them. So the formed up for him, and he told them a long yaren, and he wound up with telling them that the would all get there discharge if the take thing quite and attend at there parade as before. So he released them from confinement, in the canteen was opened again. So the men are doing their duty as before, until the hear the next order from the Commander in Chief. There is about 14 men of ours in the guard for him to, so I don't know how it will losen of yeat. I have know more to tell you, but I remain yours truly until death.

Sic. in orig.

Direct as before. Take notice to this letter, and see if it be opened, for fear of you know.

(No. 614.)

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, in continuation.

By direction of the Commander in Chief.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 9 June 1859.

Enclosure 7, in No. 13.

(No. 517.)

To Major *Norman*, Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters, Simla. Encl. 7, in No. 13.

Sir, Agra, 27 May 1859.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 471, of the 18th instant, forwarding the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry on the grievances of certain men of the 2d Company, 6th Battalion, Artillery, I have the honour herewith to enclose, in original, letter No. 88, of the 24th instant, from Captain Mercer, commanding 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery, to the address of the station staff officer, Muttra, forwarding complaints from certain men of the troop under his command, and which I request may be submitted for the orders of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.
St. G. D. Showers, Brigadier,
Commanding Agra and Muttra Division.

(No. 88.)

To the Station Staff Officer, Muttra.

Sir, Muttra, 24 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Lieutenant Colonel Sawyer, commanding the station, that in consequence of the disturbances that are reported as having taken place at other stations amongst the men of the late East India Company's army, on the morning of the 21st instant, I inquired from the men of the troop under my command (who have never on any occasion showed the slightest inclination to join in any display of feeling on the subject), whether any of them had any complaints to prefer as regarded their transfer to the immediate service of Her Majesty. I am happy to say that of the whole troop only four stepped to the front. Having been confined to my bed for some days previously, I was too weak to take down the complaints at the moment, but did so yesterday morning, when a fifth man came forward, who was in hospital on the previous occasion. As so few men had anything to say, I did not think it was worth while requesting the assembly of a Court of Inquiry, and I have now the honour to forward a copy of the complaints preferred.

I have, &c.
C. M'W. Mercer, Captain,
Commanding 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, H. A.

COMPLAINTS preferred by Men of the 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, Bengal Horse Artillery, with regard to their transfer to the direct service of Her Majesty.

Muttra. 23 May 1859.

First Complaint. No. 7,933, Gunner *John North* states: "When I was enlisted at Manchester, on the 9th of May 1853, I enlisted only to serve for 12 years, or 14 if required, in the East India Company's Artillery; and nothing whatever was contained in my attestation paper, nor was I asked any questions, concerning serving Her Majesty the Queen. I made particular inquiries on the subject at the time; and I now, in consequence, claim a free discharge, or a bounty on re-enlistment."

2d. Complaint. No. 9,326, Gunner *Patrick M'Dade* states: "When I enlisted it was for 12 years, 14 if required, to serve the East India Company; and no questions were asked me, nor was anything said in my attestation paper, concerning Her Majesty. I enlisted in 1856, and I claim my discharge if I may be allowed it; if not, I will of course soldier on under the same regulations as I have hitherto."

3d Complaint. No. 8,870, Gunner *James Stringnell* states: "According to my attestation paper, which I have here. I did not make no disturbance about anything, but I don't consider it right that I should be transferred to the Crown in the way that I have been."

4th Complaint. No. 9,490, Gunner *George Dyer* states: "I feel aggrieved in the way I am treated at present, as I never enlisted to serve the Queen in an Indian army. When I enlisted, on 15th June 1857, I enlisted to serve the Queen in the East India Company's army, not in Her Majesty's Indian forces; and I wish to have this matter explained to me. I have been handed over to the Queen without being consulted in the matter, which I always understood was necessary."

5th Complaint. No. 8,012, Gunner *John Stokes*, states: "I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and not the Queen; and on the present transfer I claim either discharge or transfer bounty."

C. M'W. Mercer, Captain,
Commanding 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, H. A.

(No. 616.)

FORWARDED, by desire of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, in continuation.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 9 June 1859.

Enclosure 8, in No. 13.

(No. 28.)

Encl. 8, in No. 13. From the Judge Advocate General of the Army, to Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you, with reference to your letter, No. 1140, of the 24th ultimo, that the special Court of Inquiry, of which Brigadier Horsford is President, assembled

assembled this morning at the artillery parade ground, where the whole of the artillery were drawn up for their usual weekly inspection.

2. The attestation certificates received from you were shown to the complainants (except that of one man absent from sickness), in the presence of their comrades, as directed by his Excellency the Governor General in Council; and the court having closed its proceedings, then adjourned.

3. Annexed is a copy of the remarks, entered by direction of the court, on the proceedings of this morning.

I have, &c.
K. Young,
Judge Advocate General of the Army.

EXTRACT Proceedings, Special Court of Inquiry, 11 June 1859.

THE Court remarks that all these complainants appear to be fully sensible, on seeing the certificates, that they did attach their signatures to them; but, as regards the oath, the general observation of the complainants now is, that the oath which they signed is merely the oath of allegiance, and is so designated in their duplicates of attestation, and further, that it is not of a nature to bind them to serve Her Majesty as soldiers.

Keith Young,
Judge Advocate General of the Army.

Enclosure 9, in No. 13.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS of the COURT of INQUIRY at *Meerut*.— Encl. 9, in No. 13.
[*continued from page* 193.]

TWELFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Saturday*, 21 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembles at 11 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

Gunner *P. Flaherty* (a native of Galway, a labourer, attested at Gort on the 8th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 142d Complainant, Gunner P. Flaherty.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, all that I have to say is, that I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years and not exceeding 14. I first enlisted for the infantry, and afterwards was re-attested for the artillery at Warley. I want a bounty on re-enlistment or discharge.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—I havn't had the choice yet; I'd think of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't know anything about that (the first part), but I took the last part of the oath; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, no more.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Finn* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Shrewsbury on the 24th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 143d Complainant, Gunner J. Finn.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I belong to the Company; I wasn't sworn in for the Queen; I was sworn in for the Company; the Company is done away now, and I expect my discharge, and I think I am entitled to it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I was sworn in to serve the Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, I was sworn before one of Her Majesty's justices of the peace.

Would you take your discharge if you could get it, or what would you do?—Yes, sir, I would, and go home.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

144th Complainant, Gunner J. Foy.

Gunner *J. Foy* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 23d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I listed for the Company, sir, and I am a married man, and I gave myself in as a single man when I listed, and if I couldn't get my wife out, I should like to get a fresh bounty or my discharge.

You would be quite satisfied to remain as you are if you got your wife out?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at Glasgow.

Have you anything else to say?—No, sir, but my name is spelt wrong in my small book; it ought to be Poye and not Foy as I am always called.

[Withdraws.

145th Complainant, Gunner C. Guyatt.

Gunner *C. Guyatt* (a native of Hartley Wealfall, in Hampshire, a clerk, attested at Westminster in March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, sir, merely that I listed to serve the Company and not the Queen; as there is no Company now, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice?—Yes, sir, but it would be a matter of consideration with me whether I would take it if I had the choice of re-enlistment with a bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it was lost on board ship in coming out.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the first part of the oath, nor can I exactly recollect taking the last part in these express words.

Have you anything else to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

146th Complainant, Gunner J. Hogan.

Gunner *J. Hogan* (a native of Tipperary, a shoemaker, attested at Clonmel on the 6th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 years, provided the said Company should require my services so long, and as the Company is broke off, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice?—Yes, sir, and I expect to have the chance too.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Yes, sir, to be one of Her loyal subjects, nothing more.

Nothing about obeying Her generals and officers?—I don't remember, but I know what I listed for, I listed for the Company.

Have you any other grievance?—That's all, sir, but I'd like to know how they want me to soldier in Her Majesty's service when I didn't list for it. I sold my body to the Company when I took an oath to serve them—and when there is no Company, my body is free.

(The clause of the Act of Parliament transferring the army of the late Company to the Crown is here read and explained to the complainant, but the court remark that he either cannot or will not understand it, still insisting that the law cannot apply to him as he enlisted before it came into operation.)

Complainant withdraws, saying as he goes out, on being told that he must obey the law, that he will obey what he listed for.

147th Complainant, Gunner P. Hoolahan.

Gunner *P. Hoolahan* (a native of county Clare, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 5th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, I enlisted for the East India Company, sir. As I've come out to India, I don't much mind about going home, and I hope I shall get whatever benefit the other men may have.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant states that he can't read well*)?—No, sir, I don't remember the words exactly, but it was about serving the East India Company. There was nothing in it about serving the Queen, that I recollect.

Have you anything else to say?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

148th Complainant, Gunner W. Harden.

Gunner *W. Harden* (a native of Sheerness, a photographer, attested at Westminster on the 5th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, that I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 years if they so long required my services, and now the Company is demolished, I don't think they have any claim on me.

Have

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take an oath to serve Her Majesty, I took an oath to serve the Company. I am no scholar, sir, to read much, and can only make out a word here and there.

What is your object in complaining now?—I wish for my discharge, sir; as the Company is demolished now, I think I ought to be demolished too. I don't see how I could be made to serve a master I didn't engage to.

(The clause of the Act of Parliament transferring the army of the Company to the Crown, is read and explained to the complainant, who says he understands it, but that he is willing to serve what he enlisted for, but that he won't take a false oath.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

149th Complainant, Gunner W. Hey.

Gunner *W. Hey* (a native of Yorkshire, a farrier, attested at Sheffield on the 7th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, not exceeding 14 if the said Company required my service so long—and I suppose, sir, as the Company is done over, I think I am entitled to a bounty, or my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court. It corresponds in every respect with (Appendix M.), and it appears from it, that the complainant was, as he says, "enlisted for the Company's Artillery on the 6th September 1858".)

Examination resumed.

Did you sign any paper when attested?—Not that I'm aware of; I can't write, but I don't remember making any mark to anything either.

Didn't you know at the time you were enlisted, that there was no Company?—No, sir, I didn't, till we got to Dum-Dum, when Captain Simpson told us to take the E. I. C. off our caps, as there was no Company.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

150th Complainant, Gunner R. Holdsworth

Gunner *R. Holdsworthy* (a native of Burnley, a cabinet-maker, attested at Burnley on the 28th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 or 14 years if required, and as the Company is no more, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had your choice?—Yes, sir; I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—I havn't it here.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember any part of this oath exactly, but I took the oath of allegiance.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

151st Complainant, Gunner T. Edwards

Gunner *T. Edwards* (a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 31st August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I don't wish to serve the Queen, if the Company is disbanded.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, the upper part is torn off, the rest of it is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, (Appendix C.), except that the complainant is entered as having enlisted for the East India Company's "Infantry," on the 31st August 1858.)

Have you your small book?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, (Appendix N.), it is entered that the complainant enlisted for the Company's "Artillery.")

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the first part, I think I took the last part of the oath.

What is your wish in complaining now?—I would wish to be discharged, sir.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir; I suppose they'd give a passage out of the country, and then I could do for myself.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

152d Complainant, Gunner N. Grennan.

Gunner *N. Grennan* (a native of county Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 12th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have only to say, sir, that I was enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery; and I am not satisfied at soldiering for the Queen without getting a fresh bounty, or discharge; I don't much care which.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here is my small book.

(The small book is examined by the Court, and page 12 is found to correspond in every respect with page 12 of Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, (Appendix N.) It is entered that Gunner Grennan was enlisted for the Company's Artillery, on the 11th September 1858.)

Examination resumed.

Did'nt you know that there was no Company's army when you enlisted?—No, sir, I took the shilling for the Honourable East India Company, in Serjeant Moore's house, in Dublin.

When did you first find out the mistake?—I found out no mistake at all, except that the Company is now broke up, and the mistake is so much the better for me. (*The complainant cannot read.*)

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, I have nothing else.

[Withdraws.

153d Complainant, Gunner P. Fahey.

Gunner *P. Fahey* (a native of county Mayo, a labourer, attested at Warrington on the 7th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and now it's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, which is what I want.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here is my small book.

(The book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with page 12 in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, (Appendix N)., it is entered that Gunner Fahey was enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, on the 7th September 1858.)

Examination resumed.

Didn't you know that there was no Company's army at the time you were attested?—Yes, sir, there was a Company then, it was placarded; and if there wasn't a Company its curious it should be in my attestation.

When did you first find out there was no Company?—I didn't find out till the time I came to Calcutta. (*Complainant cannot read.*)

How do you know it was placarded that there was a Company when you enlisted, if you can't read?—Why, can't I hear a man read?

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

154th Complainant, Gunner W. Honiker.

Gunner *W. Honiker* (a native of New York, a sailor, attested at Liverpool on the 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and I think I am entitled to my discharge, now that the Company is broke up.

If you had the chance, would you take your discharge?—Yes, sir, I should.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, the serjeant said it wasn't no use to me; so I tore it up.

Do you remember what oath you took (*the complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company for 12, and not exceeding 14 years.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

155th Complainant, Gunner J. Heritage.

Gunner *J. Heritage* (a native of Gloucestershire, a servant, attested at Warley on the 15th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was enlisted under the East India Company's Act; and I don't think it right that I should be turned over without any bounty or re-enlistment.

Is it your wish to be allowed to re-enlist?—Well, sir, I want my discharge or a bounty; and I dare say I could pay my way home if I wished to do so.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is. I was first enlisted for the infantry, and afterwards for the artillery, on a fresh attestation paper.

(This attestation paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, (Appendix C.)

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't think I took the first part, but I did the last part.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

156th Complainant, Gunner J. Hargreaves.

Gunner *J. Hargreaves* (a native of Blackburn, a carder, attested at Blackburn on the 2d March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I wish my discharge, now that the East India Company is broke up.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No.

Is your wish now to get your discharge, or what?—Yes, sir, to get my discharge.

And what would you do if you got it?—I would go into the mill again, at Blackburn.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

157th Complainant, Gunner J. Hall.

Gunner *J. Hall* (a native of London, a gunsmith, attested at Westminster on the 10th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I wish to get my discharge; I listed for the East India Company's forces, and I object to be turned over to the Crown.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part, I believe, but not the first.

You know you are just the same in every respect, do you not, since you were transferred to Her Majesty's service?—Yes, sir, I have found no difference, certainly.

And you don't expect there will be any difference, do you?—Well, I don't know, I'm sure; we must wait and see for that.

(The clause of the Act of Parliament transferring the army of the Company to the Crown is read and explained to the complainant, who says that he understands that all the privileges enjoyed by the army of the late Company are secured; but as he took an oath of allegiance to the Company only, he doesn't see how he is bound to serve the Queen.)

Examination resumed.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home; I would stop if the country agreed with my health, but I have been ill and under medical treatment for the last three months.

Have you any other grievance?—Yes, sir, I have had no clearance since I have been in the station, and I lost my bedding on field service and have had no compensation, also two kits.

(The complainant is directed to prefer his complaint on this matter at next orderly room, and he withdraws.)

158th Complainant, Gunner W. Hurst.

Gunner *W. Hurst* (a native of Chipping Ongar, a smith, attested in London on the 31st July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I wish to get my discharge and go home as the East India India Company is done away with.

Have you your attestation paper?—Not here, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of that oath, there wasn't such a word as Her Majesty in that oath. I think I took the last part of the oath, but I don't know whether I did or not; I can't tell; it is a twelvemonth ago.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

159th Complainant, Gunner J. Harris.

Gunner *J. Harris* (a native of Ludlow, a clerk, attested at Shrewsbury on the 26th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, having enlisted to serve the East India Company alone, I claim as a right my discharge. There was nothing about the Queen in my book.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, and the oath I took was not worded like this last part.

Was there anything at all about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

You say you claim your discharge as a right; do you know by what authority it is that having enlisted for the Company you were declared to be a soldier of Her Majesty's Indian Army?—No, sir, I don't.

(The clause of the Act of Parliament transferring India to the Crown, referring to the disposal of the late Company's army, is here read and explained to the complainant, who says he doesn't understand why he should be made to serve the Crown when he didn't enlist for it, and as the Company is done away, he thinks he ought to be done away too.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

160th Complainant, Gunner M. Hobson.

Gunner *M. Hobson* (a native of county Durham, a labourer, attested at Leeds on the 10th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I wish to get my discharge or a fresh bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—I don't know yet; I would consider of it.

Have you your attestion paper?—No, sir, but here is my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page of Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Hobson was enlisted for the "Company's Artillery on the 8th September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

Did not you know that the Company's army had been transferred to the Queen when you enlisted?—No, sir, I didn't know of it till I landed in this country.

Did you sign any paper when you were attested?—No, sir, I don't think I did.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—I swore to serve the East India Company; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, no other.

[Withdraws.

The court adjourns at 20 minutes to 5 p. m., till 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

THIRTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS, *Monday*.—23 *May* 1859.

The Court assembled at 11 o'clock a. m. All present as on Saturday.

161st Complainant, Gunner T. Johnson.

Gunner *T. Johnson* (a native of Stockton-on-Tees, a carpenter, attested in London on 21st June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, that I have been made to serve the Queen against my inclination.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking such an oath as that to serve Her Majesty.

What is your object in complaining now?—I have always understood that the Company's and Queen's service were two distinct services. I don't remember taking an oath to serve Her Majesty when attested, and I consider I am entitled to my discharge according to my understanding.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, probably I might.

You don't remember taking an oath to serve Her Majesty; what would you say if your attestation paper was shown to you, with your signature to having taken the oath?—If my attestation paper was shown to me that I had taken the oath to serve Her Majesty, the oath you have just shown me I should give it up.

(The complainant is informed by the Court that there is no doubt whatever of his having taken the oath in question, and of his having signed it before the magistrate, by whom he was attested. It is further explained to him, the difference that there is between the present Royal Indian forces and the land forces of the Crown.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, I understand now that I am not in Her Majesty's Royal Artillery, as I thought I was, and I have no objection under these circumstances to serve Her Majesty, but I think we ought to have been asked, and I hope if there are any advantages to be given that I shall have the benefit of them with the rest.

[Withdraws.

Gunner

Gunner *Wm. Jones* (a native of Liverpool, a gardener, attested at Southampton on the 3d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 162d Complainant, Gunner W. Jones.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, my complaint is, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the East India Company is broke up, I wish to get my discharge, or fresh enlistment.

Which would you take if you had the chance?—If they were both to my front I would then settle which I would take.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at Warley.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*)?—I took the oath, sir, to serve the Honourable East India Company, no other.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, no other.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *W. Jenkins* (a native of Ludlow, a labourer, attested at Shrewsbury on the 26th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 163d Complainant, Gunner W. Jenkins.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and I hear the Company is turned over to the Queen, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, but I might list again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I listed to serve Her Majesty in the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Well, if you listed to serve Her Majesty, why should you complain about it?—Why, I listed to serve Her Majesty in the East India Company. I mean as long as the East India Company lasted.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Jennings* (a native of London, a plumber and glazier, attested at Westminster on the 20th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 164th Complainant, Gunner T. Jennings.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company's service, and I have no wish to serve the Queen.

What would you wish to do then?—I want to get my discharge, as the Company is broke up.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, but I would consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant can read very little*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. P. Jones* (a native of Bridgnorth, a druggist, attested in London on the 4th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 165th Complainant, Gunner J. P. Jones.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make, sir; I only wish to state that I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company is no more, I naturally look for my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—I would, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—Not here, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—At the time I was attested there was nothing that I can remember about Her Majesty's service in the oath. I don't recollect taking any part of this oath.

What would you say if I should show your signature in proof of your having taken this oath when attested, the whole of it, not only to serve the Company, but to serve Her Majesty also; would you then naturally look for your discharge on account of the Company's being no more?—Most certainly not, sir; if I swore to serve Her Majesty I should expect to do so.

(The complainant is informed that there is no doubt whatever of his having taken the oath in question, and that he signed the attestation paper, but he only received an abbreviated duplicate of that paper from the attesting magistrate. The clause of the Act of Parliament transferring the Company's army to the Crown is also explained to complainant.)

Examination resumed.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

166th Complainant, Gunner C. Jones.

Gunner *C. Jones* (a native of London, a stationer, attested in London on the 16th August 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—No complaint to make at all, sir, begging your pardon, sir; but the question put to me on Thursday last was, had I any statement to make. I left England the day India was transferred to Her Majesty, and I should like to know what service I belong to now.

(The clause of the Act of transfer, affecting the late Company's army, is here given to the complainant to read, and its provisions are explained to him. He says that he understands it, and he is willing to abide by any order that may be given when the matter comes before the authorities; that he shall always do his duty, and he hopes that if there is any benefit to be derived by others, that he will get the same advantage.)

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, (Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

167th Complainant, Gunner J. Johnson.

Gunner *J. Johnson* (a native of Birmingham, a farrier, attested at Liverpool on the 2d September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I believe I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and the Company is broke up; and as they no longer require my services, I think I ought to get my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, for the East India Company's Artillery.

Nothing about Her Majesty?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Have you any other grievance?—No more than I have stated, sir.

[Withdraws.

168th Complainant, Gunner A. Johnson.

Gunner *A. Johnson* (a native of Tunbridge Wells, a groom, attested at Westminster on the 28th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and as I understand the East India Company is broken up, I consider myself a free man, and entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have not, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took; I only took the latter part of it. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Suppose I showed you your signature in proof of your having taken this oath to serve Her Majesty when you were attested, would you still think you were entitled to your discharge?—If my own signature was to it, I of course couldn't deny it.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

169th Complainant, Gunner J. Klyne.

Gunner *G. Klyne* (a native of county Mayo, a groom, attested at Lambeth on the 19th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—In consequence of the Company being broke up that I enlisted for, I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—This, the last part, is what I took; I didn't take the first.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

170th Complainant, Gunner F. Kelly.

Gunner *F. Kelly* (a native of county Wexford, a tailor, attested in Dublin on the 26th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I expect my discharge, because the Company has resigned.

Would

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I am a married man; my wife's at home, and it ain't agreeable, but I should be sure to come out again if I went home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I sent it to my wife.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take this, the first part, but I took the last part of this, about the Company.

Have you any other complaint to make?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

171st Complainant, Gunner R. Kelly.

Gunner *R. Kelly* (a native of county Armagh, a labourer, attested at Newcastle, on the 13th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and if it's broke up I want my discharge, or another bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I sent it home to my sister; but I have my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Kelly was "enlisted for the Company's Artillery on the 13th September 1858.")

(The complainant cannot read.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

172d Complainant, Gunner Kilminster.

Gunner *Kilminster* (a native of London, a cabinet carver, attested at Westminster on the 4th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and have no wish to be turned over to Her Majesty.

What is your wish, then?—I wish for my discharge, and would take it if I had the chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir; here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*)?—I took that part of it about the East India Company, but not the other about Her Majesty; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

173d Complainant, Gunner J. Holden.

Gunner *J. Holden* (a native of Lancashire, a weaver, attested at Blackburn on the 21st October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the Company; the Company's abolished, and I think I'm entitled to a discharge or re-enlistment.

Which would you take if you had your chance?—I can't say to that, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir; here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

174th Complainant, Gunner W. Kirwan.

Gunner *W. Kirwan* (a native of county Carlow, a labourer, attested at Sheffield on the 7th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I don't know, sir; I would like to know what I am turned over to the Queen for.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but I have my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Kirwan was enlisted for the "Company's Artillery on the 7th September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*the complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, I don't.

Have you anything else to say?—No, sir; but I have a brother out here, in the Queen's service, at Barrackpore, and I'd like to volunteer to join him if I could.

(It is explained to the complainant, before leaving the court, that he was enlisted for the present Indian Artillery of Her Majesty, and that there appears to have been a mistake in his small book that he was enlisted for the Company's Artillery, as at that time the Company's army had been made over to Her Majesty.

[Withdraws.

175th Complainant, Gunner W. Larkham.

Gunner *W. Larkham* (a native of Stafford, a whitesmith, attested in London on the 12th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company; and, seeing the Company is broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—I would, sir, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir; to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

176th Complainant, Gunner H. M'Evoy.

Gunner *H. M'Evoy* (a native of county Armagh, a machine fitter, attested at Belfast on the 23d September 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as it has been read out to me that the Company exists no longer, if there be any privilege, such as bounty or discharge, I would wish to take the benefit of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant only reads a little*)?—Sir, I took the oath of allegiance and fidelity, and to serve the Honourable East India Company.

Have you anything more to say?—Nothing, sir.

[Withdraws.

177th Complainant, Gunner T. Miller.

Gunner *T. Miller* (a native of Staffordshire, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 14th February 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I have only to say that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, if the said Company should so long require my services. I'd like to have my discharge if I could get it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant can read very little*)?—All the oath I took, sir, was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they should require my services.

Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

178th Complainant, Gunner J. M'Hew.

Gunner *J. M'Hew* (a native of Lancashire, a labourer, attested at Staley Bridge on the 9th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, when I listed, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now that the Company's done away with, I think I ought to have a discharge or re-enlistment.

Which of those would you take if you had the choice?—Well, sir, that I couldn't say just now.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I was sworn in for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required, not exceeding 14.

Aything about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

179th Complainant, Gunner J. Lenard.

Gunner *J. Lenard* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 4th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Only, sir, that I listed for the East India Company, and understand that is made over to the Queen, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, I would.
Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it, but here's my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds exactly with the same page of Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Lenard was enlisted for the "Company's Artillery on the 2d September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Muting Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take any part of this oath that I remember. I took the oath to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

When did you first hear that the Company was done away with?—In Warley Barracks, eight days after I was enlisted.

Were you not asked, before you embarked, whether you had any complaint?—No, sir, I was asked when I was disembarking in Calcutta.

And what answer did you give?—I made no answer. I had no complaint.

When did you first think of complaining then?—I was ignorant about it, sir, till I came up here.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

THE Court adjourned at a quarter before 4 p. m., until to-morrow at 11 a. m.

FOURTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Tuesday*, 24 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembled at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

Gunner J. *Millard* (a native of Wicklow, no trade, attested in London on the 12th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 180th Complainant, Gunner J. Millard.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I agreed to serve the East India Company, I distinctly understood that when that Company ceased to hold power in India, as it has done by Act of Parliament passed in July 1858, I consider its claims upon me also ceases, therefore I consider myself a free man.

Who told you, when you agreed to serve the East India Company, that it was going to cease to hold power in India?—I heard so by several, sir, before I enlisted.

And when did you first begin to consider yourself a free man?—When the Company was done up.

When did you first complain in the matter then?—This is the first complaint, sir.

Why didn't you complain before?—I thought it time enough, sir, when all the rest came up.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, only my small book.

Do you remember what oath you took. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant?*—This is the oath I took, the last part; I didn't take the other.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Yes, sir, about holding true allegiance in my attestation. I was asked if I had served in any of Her Majesty's corps.

You can read and write; now supposing I showed you your own signature in proof of your having taken that oath to serve Her Majesty, which you read just know, would you then consider yourself to be a free man?—I should consider myself a free man, now the Company's abolished, because if I liked to have enlisted in England for Her Majesty, I could have done so before I came out.

(It is explained to the complainant that had he enlisted for Her Majesty's Artillery in June 1858, he must have enlisted for the Royal Artillery which he does not now belong to, but to the Royal Indian Artillery, which has all the same privileges and advantages that were possessed by the late Company's Artillery, which has only in fact been changed in name, and placed directly under the orders of the Crown.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything else to say?—Nothing else, sir.

What is your wish now?—To get my discharge and go home, but if they give me the option of volunteering to Her Majesty's 61st, in which I had two brothers, one of whom was killed at Delhi, I would be glad to volunteer if I got a bounty.

[Withdraws.

181st Complainant, Gunner D. Marsh.

Gunner *D. Marsh* (a native of Tipperary, a miner, attested at Carrick-on-Suir on the 5th January 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I swore on my enlistment to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if they so long required my services, and now that Company is no more, I think I am entitled to my freedom, sir.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—Yes, sir, I took the whole of this oath.

And don't you think the first part of this oath binds you to serve Her Majesty as a soldier?—Why, sir, as a citizen I should consider myself bound to take that oath.

But not to obey Her Majesty's generals and officers?—The oath I took was to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty. I didn't take that about her generals and officers.

Suppose I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—Well, sir, I didn't take the oath to obey Her Majesty's generals and officers.

Have you anything further to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

182d Complainant, Gunner G. Martin.

Gunner *G. Martin* (a native of Wimbledon, a sailor, attested at Southampton on the 28th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I listed, I was sworn in for the Company's service, and I consider myself entitled to discharge or fresh bounty.

If you had the choice, which would you take?—I haven't made up my mind properly yet, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I took the last. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you anything further to complain of?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

183d Complainant, Gunner J. Morrison.

Gunner *J. Morrison* (a native of Stirlingshire, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 1st September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint, only I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's demolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—I'd like to go home if I had a chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when you were attested. (*The complainant cannot read well*)?—To serve the Honourable East India Company. Nothing about Her Majesty; I never heard her name mentioned with regard to that before I left Glasgow.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

184th Complainant, Gunner R. M'Gilly.

Gunner *R. M'Gilly* (a native of county Tyrone, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 30th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now I believe they are broke up, and I think I am free.

What would you do if you had a chance of being free?—Go home, sir; but I may enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*Complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it; nothing about allegiance.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

185th Complainant, Gunner P. M'Donald.

Gunner *P. MacDonald* (a native of county Kilkenny, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 30th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company, sir; and now the Company's broke up, I want my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—I'd see about that.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*Complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Have you anything else to say?—No, sir.

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Gunner *J. M'Bride* (a native of Yorkshire, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 23d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 186th Complainant, Gunner J. M'Bride.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint further to make, than having listed for the East India Company, as they are no more, I think myself entitled to a free discharge or a fresh bounty.

If you had the choice, which would you take?—Well, sir, I have not considered well so far.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the first part; I took that part about the East India Company.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Matthews* (a native of Dublin, a pinmaker, attested in Dublin on the 29th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 187th Complainant, Gunner J. Matthews.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted, sir, for the Honourable East India Company; and now the Company is done away with, I expect my services are done away with too.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir; I have my small book.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I swore to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

What is your wish now?—I wish to go home. I would go if I had the chance.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *H. Morgan* (a native of Liverpool, a carter, attested at Liverpool on the 2d August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 188th Complainant, Gunner H. Morgan.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted, sir, in the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I think I am entitled to a discharge or fresh bounty.

And which would you take if you had the choice?—Why, sir, I havn't made up my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*The complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir; to serve the East India Company for 12 or 14 years if required.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *C. Impson* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 18th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 189th Complainant, Gunner C. Impson.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was sworn in for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if the said Company required my services; and now the Company's broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Well, that, sir, I am not prepared to say, whether I would take that or a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part; I didn't take the first.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Not a word, sir.

Have you any further complaint?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Mungan* (a native of county Leitrim, a miner, attested at Glasgow on the 15th October 1858, and again at Warley on the 23d October 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 190th Complainant, Gunner J. Mungan.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, of course, sir, I have the same as the rest to say, I enlisted for the Company's service, and I don't wish to serve any other, only that.

If you had a chance would you take your discharge, then?—Well, I don't know right yet.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here's my small book; when I was re-enlisted at Warley no fresh attestation paper was given me.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, Appendix N., it is entered that Gunner Mungan enlisted for the Company's Infantry on the 13th October 1858.)

You enlisted first at Glasgow, for the infantry, and were re-enlisted afterwards at Warley, for the artillery; why was this not entered in your small book (*complainant*

cannot read)?—Well, I can't say that, sir, but Serjeant M'Bride gave me the small book at Warley.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—Well, sir, I have a guess at it; I don't remember it. I was sworn in to serve the East India Company; the rest I don't much remember; I didn't take much notice.

When did you first hear that the Company's army was made over to Her Majesty?—Well, I have never heard for certain of it yet, but I heard rumours of it at home, before I enlisted, that they were going to be turned over.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir, nothing else.

[Withdraws.

191st Complainant, Gunner J. Neary.

Gunner *J. Neary* (a native of county Sligo, a labourer, attested in London on the 13th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company, artillery, and as the Company is dissolved, and doesn't exist at present, I have been handed over to the Queen; and I feel dissatisfied.

Well, what is it you want?—I want some recompense; I am willing to soldier, if I get some recompense. I have got no other prospects in life.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule of the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—This, the last part, is the oath I took. I didn't take the first part.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Have you any other grievance?—No, sir, no other; but I should be willing to be re-attested.

[Withdraws.

192d Complainant, Gunner J. Norrie.

Gunner *J. Norrie* (a native of Edinburgh, a clerk, attested in Edinburgh on the 30th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make, sir; but all I wish is, that I may receive any benefit that may arise to the other men in this question.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it with my friends at home.

Have you any thing further to state?—Nothing further than that, sir.

[Withdraws.

193d Complainant, Gunner R. Nutty.

Gunner *R. Nutty* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 25th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company, and was sworn in for it, and they're abolished; I think myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were a free man?—I would be willing to serve the Queen, if I got some recompense for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the Honourable East India Company.

And to bear allegiance to the Queen?—No, sir, nothing about allegiance to the Queen.

Have you any further complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

194th Complainant, Gunner C. Northam.

Gunner *C. Northam* (a native of county Cork, a groom, attested in Dublin on the 27th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have no complaint to make, sir; but as I listed to serve the Company, and the Company's broke up, I wish to get the same as the other men that have come here.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Have you any thing further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

195th Complainant, Gunner E. O'Connor.

Gunner *E. O'Connor* (a native of county Kildare, a draper, attested in Dublin on the 3d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company; and as the Company has ceased to exist, I expect a discharge or a fresh bounty.

If you had the choice which would you take?—I can't say at present, as I am in a bad state of health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, I took the last.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir,

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Gunner *W. Power* (a native of county Mayo, a printer, attested at Manchester on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 196th Complainant. Gunner W. Power.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I have no complaint to make; I have no objection whatever to Her Majesty's service, as I have friends serving in the regiments; but if the other men who do object get any advantages, I should like to get the same.

Anything further to say?—No, nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Perrett* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Southwark on the 26 April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 197th Complainant, Gunner T. Perrett.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and now the Company is broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I would go home, as I don't like this country to serve in.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I have not, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing at all about the Queen in the oath I took.

Have you any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at half past 3 p.m., until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Fifteenth Day's Proceedings.—*Wednesday, 25 May* 1859.

The Court assembles at 11 o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

Gunner *J. Pitt* (a native of Wiltshire, a farmer, attested in London on the 23d August 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 198th Complainant, Gunner J. Pitt.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and my present wish is to take it if I had the chance, but I don't know.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant reads very little*)?—I took an oath to serve the Company. I don't recollect anything about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Ryan* (a native of the county of Tipperary, a groom, attested at Warrington on the 6th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 199th Complainant. Gunner, J. Ryan.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was attested to serve the Company, and I wish to soldier for the Company, and nothing else.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but here is my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, Appendix N., it is entered that Gunner Ryan enlisted for the "Company's Artillery, on the 6th September 1858.")

Were you enlisted on the 6th, or attested on the 6th?—I was enlisted on the 4th, but was attested on the 6th September.

What is your wish now?—To get my discharge; but I might enlist again. I have got a brother in the Buffs, and if he came up here I might stay instead of going home, if I had the chance.

Any other grievance?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *C. Ryley* (a native of county Cork, a bootcloser, attested at Carrick-on-Suir on the 16th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 200th Complainant, Gunner C. Ryley.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, I listed for the Company, sir, for 14 years, and seeing the Company is done up, I think my services is up with the Company.

And what would you like to do now?—Why, I'd like to have my discharge, sir, and to consider then after getting it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have not.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant says he is a very bad reader*)?—Yes, sir, I do; I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, heirs and successors.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, nothing.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing else to say, sir.

[Withdraws.

201st Complainant, Gunner A. Rudd.

Gunner *A. Rudd* (a native of London, a printer, attested at Westminster on the 4th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, no further than when I enlisted there were two distinct services existing, and I served the East India Company as long as it existed, and if the East India Company is broke up now, I consider that I am broke up too. If I had wished to go into the Queen's service when I enlisted, I could have done so then.

Do not you know, that there are still two distinct services existing, and that had you enlisted for the Queen's service at the time you did, you would have been in the Royal Artillery, and this is quite different from the artillery regiment you are now in, which is exactly the same as the Company's Artillery, only under a different name?—I understood a part of what you say, but I do not wish to serve the Queen; and if I had been in the Royal Artillery when I came out, I should have had more pay than I have got; and, besides, there has been no settlement of my accounts since I came out; I was nearly six months on my passage, and I didn't get a bit more when I landed than those who were only three.

(The court explains to the complainant, that had he come out as a recruit for the Royal service, he would have enjoyed no peculiar advantages that the court is aware of; and as regards the settlement of his accounts, he is directed to attend at the first orderly room, and make the matter known to his commanding officer.)

Examination resumed.

What is your wish now?—My wish is to get my discharge, and if I got it I'd take it and not enlist again for India.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir; I left it with my mother at home.

Any other grievance?—No, sir, nothing else to say.

[Withdraws.

202d Complainant, Gunner M. Rooney.

Gunner *M. Rooney* (a native of county Galway, a shoemaker, attested at Gort on the 15th May 1858, and afterwards at Warley on the 19th August), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I was enlisted for the East India Company, and now the Company has ceased to exist, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and that they cannot claim my services.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home and follow my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it on board ship, but I have my small book.

(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Rooney was enlisted for the Company's Infantry on the 19th May 1858.)

Examination resumed.

What day were you enlisted?—On the 14th; my small book is wrong; I'm sure this is the only book that was given me, and there is nothing in it about my being re-attested for the artillery.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act. pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I remember, sir, that I took the oath to serve the East India Company; I don't remember the oath.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—There was, but I can't recollect what it was, sir, exactly.

Have you any other grievance?—No, nothing more to say.

[Withdraws.

203d Complainant, Gunner W. Sands.

Gunner *W. Sands* (a native of Norfolk, a bricklayer, enlisted on the 15th October 1857, but never attested, having deserted after enlisting, prior to attestation), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, sir, that I was taken for the East India Company, and now that's ended, I am, I think, entitled to my discharge.

If you had the chance would you take your discharge?—Yes, sir, I would, and go home, and not re-enlist.

Have you your small book?—Yes, sir, here it is.

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(The small book is examined, and at page 12, which corresponds in every respect with page 12 of Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, (Appendix N.), it is entered that Gunner Sands enlisted for the Company's Artillery on the 15th October 1857, and after his description occurs the following entry: "Dist Des" ("not attested"), "enlisted 15th October 1857; service to reckon from date of joining depôt, namely, 22d December 1858;" pardoned by his Royal Highness the General Commander in Chief.")

Examination resumed.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Shakespear* (a native of Worcester, a labourer, attested at Southampton on the 15th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 204th Complainant, Gunner J. Shakespear.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted, sir, to serve the East India Company, for the term 12 years, or 14 if the said Company required my services. The Company is broke up, and I claim my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home and work.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shewn to the complainant*)?—I took the the last part, not the first.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, not as I remember.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Stewart* (a native of Armagh, a servant, attested in Dublin on the 19th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 205th Complainant, Gunner J. Stewart.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Only, sir, as I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, and that Company no longer exists, I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

What would you do, if you had the chance of your discharge?—Why I'd take it, sir, and wouldn't enlist again in this country; but it would require consideration; but I cannot say.

Have you your attestation paper?—I havn't it here.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I cannot say whether I took this oath, but whatever oath I took I consider it void now.

How can you consider any oath you took to be void; who can have made your oath void?

I consider, sir, that the oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and as that Company no longer exists, that I am not bound to serve any longer.

Anything further to say?—Nothing further, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *A. Sewell* (a native of Lincolnshire, a groom, attested at Westminster on the 17th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 206th Complainant, Gunner A. Sewell.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing to say particular, sir, except that I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and I don't consider that I belong to anyone else.

What is it you want then?—I consider I am entitled to my discharge, and I shouldn't think it right to serve Her Majesty as I took no oath for it, and I should think it just the same as if I were to serve the Emperor of Russia, having taken no oath for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, (Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking any part of this oath.

Supposing I were to show you your signature in your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the first part of the oath, would you then think it is'nt right for you to serve Her Majesty without taking a further oath?—Only, sir, I shouldn't think it sufficient without taking some other oath, as I was listed to serve the East India Company.

When did you first hear you were in the service of Her Majesty; you have not found a bit of difference in your position since then?—At the Cape of Good Hope, on my way out, I didn't

I didn't think it right to have to serve Her Majesty when I didn't list for it; but nothing else.

What is your wish now?—I think we ought to have our discharge; but I'd consider it if I had the chance. It is not so well to rush headlong into a thing at once.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

207th Complainant, Gunner J. Sewell.

Gunner *J. Sewell* (a native of Lincolnshire, a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 14th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as the Company is broke up my services are required no longer.

And what is it you want now?—I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, and that I should be sent home.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Certainly, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and is found to correspond in every respect with that of Bombardier Winther's, (Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took that part of the oath about "allegiance and fidelity," but nothing more, and the rest I took about the Company.

Did you sign any paper when you were attested before the magistrate?—No, sir, nothing at the time of swearing in; I signed something at Warley about my pay, but I signed no attestation paper.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

208th Complainant, Gunner J. Tubb.

Gunner *J. Tubb* (a native of Portsmouth, a shipwright, attested at Southampton on the 10th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company, and I think it's very hard to be forced to serve the Queen.

What is it you want then?—My discharge, sir; and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of this oath, not the first. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in my attestation paper.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

209th Complainant, Gunner J. Taylor.

Gunner *J. Taylor* (a native of Westminster, a groom, attested in London on the 18th July 1858,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I'd take a bounty and a fresh enlistment. I came out to see the country, and I'd like to see a little more of it. (*Complainant cannot read.*)

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—Why, I do like to speak a little about the horses we took charge of from the Cape. We volunteered to take charge of the horses, and all my kit was spoiled by being up constantly with them in bad weather; I understand something of farriery. My father being a farrier and horse dealer, and I used to give the horses balls and drenches. There were 157 horses embarked at the Cape, and we landed 150 safe in Calcutta, and I never got any recompense for my share in it, nor did any of the others that I know of.

(The Court informs the complainant that if his account is altogether correct, it must have been by some oversight that his claim to recompense was not attended to.)

[Withdraws.

210th Complainant, Gunner P. Renny.

Gunner *P. Renny* (a native of Cloyne, a groom, attested at Cork on the 19th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and there was two distinct services when I enlisted, and if I'd wanted to enlist for the Queen's I could have done it at home; and I'm not willing to soldier under the present circumstances.

What is it you want?—I want my discharge; I might enlist again, but I'd go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, I did the last; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

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You say, if you had wanted to enlist for Her Majesty, you could have done so when you listed for the Company, but don't you know that if you had listed for Her Majesty then, you wouldn't have been in the same position that you are now?—I'm satisfied that I've got what I listed for, but I don't like the country, and I'd rather be in the Royal Artillery.

Would you list into the Royal Artillery if you had the chance?—I would, sir.

Anything further to say?—No, sir, except that I was one of the 46 men that took charge of the horses from the Cape, and we landed 150 of them out of 157; and Colonel Leslie told us, when we left Warley, that we'd get some recompense for it; but I got nothing for it, nor did any of the five of us that are here; and we were 30 days on board without any porter.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *H. Turnbull* (a native of Lanarkshire, a mason, attested at Glasgow on the 30th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 211th Complainant, Gunner H. Turnbull.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company; and I don't wish to serve under Her Majesty, without a fresh bounty or discharge.

Which would you take, if you had the choice?—I haven't made up my mind yet, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never got one.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—It was to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Any other complaint?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Parker* (a native of Yorkshire, a moulder, attested in London on the 5th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 212th Complainant, Gunner J. Parker.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if required, and I don't wish to serve the Queen.

Why don' you wish to serve the Queen?—I wish to go home, sir; but I wouldn't mind staying out here if there was a Company.

But you are just the same in every respect as if there were a Company; the Queen takes just the same care of you?—I wish to go home, sir; as the Company's broke up, I consider I'm broke up.

But what have you to complain of?—If the Company's not going on, I wish my discharge, as well as every one else; I don't wish to serve the Queen.

But will you not tell the court why you don't wish to serve the Queen; are you a bit worse off in any respect than you would have been under the Company?—Why, I didn't take an oath to serve the Queen, so I don't wish to do so; we don't get so much pay as they do in the Queen's service.

(It is explained to the complainant, that he gets now three annas a month more than the old Company's Artillery used to get before the Royal Artillery came to the country.) (*The complainant cannot read.*)

Examination resumed.

Should you like to change into the Royal Artillery, if you had the chance?—No, sir, the country doesn't agree with me, and I'd like to go home.

Anything further to complain of?—No, sir, further than the starvation we had to undergo when we came out on board the "Julawar."

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Williams* (a native of Bristol, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 24th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 213th Complainant, Gunner J. Williams.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I was sworn in for the Company; and as the Company is broke up, I consider myself no longer a soldier, without being re-enlisted.

If you were discharged, would you enlist again?—I don't know exactly, sir; I haven't made up my mind.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the Company's Artillery for 12 or 14 years, if required; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Wilson* (a native of Kircudbright, a draper, attested at Liverpool on the 7th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 214th Complainant, Gunner J. Wilson.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—That I enlisted for the East India Company's forces; and, if I had wished at the time, I might have listed for Her Majesty at home; but now the Company is disannulled, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge, if you got the chance?—Yes, and I would go home: I wouldn't enlist again in this country. It doesn't agree with me; I have always been sick.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first; I'm quite sure I didn't take it.

What would you say if I showed you your signature to the first part of the oath, in proof of your having taken it?—I am quite positive you can't show me my signature to those words; but if you did, I should consider myself bound to serve.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

The court adjourns about 4 o'clock, p.m., till to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock a.m.

SIXTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Thursday*, 26 *May* 1859.

The Court assembles at 11 o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

215th Complainant, Gunner G. West.

Gunner *G. West* (a native of London, printer, attested at Westminster on the 18th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company, sir; and now the Company is dissolved, I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home. I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, I have not, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, sir, and a portion of the first, as far as I can remember.

What portion?—The beginning of it, to be a true and faithful subject.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

216th Complainant, Gunner H. Woolford.

Gunner *H. Woolford* (a native of Sheffield, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 22d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company, sir, and I wish to get my discharge, as I believe there is no Company; it is broke up now.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—I would, sir, if it was offered to me.

Tired of soldiering?—No, sir, I am not at all tired of being a soldier, but I don't like the way I've been turned over. I would enlist again perhaps.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company; there was nothing about soldiering for Her Majesty in it.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

217th Complainant, Gunner H. Walker.

Gunner *H. Walker* (a native of Bolton, a baker, attested at Blackburn on the 30th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I got nothing to say, sir, but that I don't wish to serve in any other place but the East India Company.

What do you want to do then?—I want to get my discharge, sir.

And would you take it if you got the chance; are you tired of soldiering?—No, sir, I am not tired of soldiering, but I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir; I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. Nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

218th Complaint,

Gunner *T. Milton* (a native of Armagh, a painter, attested at Belfast on the 23d August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, and as the East India Company is broke up, I wish to have my discharge.

Would

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—I would, sir, and go home and work at my business.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—Well, sir, I don't recollect, but I took an oath to serve in the East India Company's Artillery, and there was nothing about Her Majesty in my attestation.

Anything more to say?—That's all I've got to say, sir.

[Withdraws.

219th Complainant, Gunner T. Wilson.

Gunner *T. Wilson* (a native of Edinburgh, a brickmaker, attested at Bristol on the 10th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and the said Company is no more, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance; are you tired of soldiering?—No, sir, I'm not tired of soldiering, but I would like to see the discharge and the bounty down together, and then I'd make up my mind what to do.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty when I was sworn in.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

220th Complainant, Gunner J. Wilson.

Gunner *J. Wilson* (a native of Bandon, a collar-maker, attested at Westminster on the 16th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company's Artillery for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and now the Company is broke up I wish for my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, I would, and go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part about the Company, not the first part. There was nothing in my oath about Her Majesty.

Anything further to say?—Nothing, sir.

[Withdraws.

221st Complainant, Gunner G. York.

Gunner *G. York* (a native of Manchester, a tailor, attested at Westminster on the 25th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and now that the Company has become extinct, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember swearing to the first part of the oath. I didn't hear Her Majesty's name at all. I think I took the last part of the oath.

Anything further to complain of?—No; nothing further, sir.

[Withdraws.

222d Complainant, Gunner H. Mellville.

Gunner *H. Mellville* (a native of Edinburgh, a servant, attested in Calcutta on the 12th October 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is, sir, that I was attested to the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, and as the Company's done away with, I think it's very hard being made over to Her Majesty.

And what is it you wish then?—Well, sir, I consider that I'm not a soldier, as I was attested at a time when the Company didn't exist.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is. It was given to me by Captain Timbrell, not by the magistrate, as I was told it was a copy of the attestation paper, that was made by Mr. Wauchope, the magistrate before whom I was attested.

(The attestation paper is examined. It is found to be an entire copy of the original attestation paper, and was furnished to the complainant, as he says, by Captain Timbrell, now in command of the Recruit Depôt. It is in manuscript, but in every other respect is the same as the form attached (Appendix E.), without the emendations. The complainant having been enlisted for the Company's Artillery.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything further to say?—Well, sir, I consider it's not legal my enlistment as this Company wasn't in existence when I was attested; and I have further to say that I never would do to soldier in India, as I am always ill, and it would only be an expense to Government keeping me in the service. I am very willing to pay back my bounty if I can get my discharge at once, but not if my complaint were to go home, and I had to wait for a decision upon it. I don't mean to say I would pay back the bounty then.

[Withdraws.

223d Complainant, Gunner W. Thompson.

Gunner *W. Thompson* (a native of Essex, a sawyer, attested at Westminster on the 11th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have got no further complaint, except that I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company don't exist now, I think I am entitled to my discharge, or a fresh bounty, if I think fit to take it.

Do you think you would take a bounty if it were offered you?—Well, sir, I couldn't exactly say, sir, but I don't think it would be any use my taking it, as I was wounded in the Kaffir War, and it's broke out afresh, and if I went into hospital it would only be doing the Government to take the bounty.

What corps were you with in the Kaffir War?—With what they call Catty's Rifles. We were commanded by Captain Catty of the 6th Regiment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant can read very little*)?—I took an oath first to serve the Company in the infantry, and afterwards at Warley to serve in the artillery. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath that I recollect, except that I was not to take up arms against Her Majesty.

Anything further to say?—Nothing further, sir.

[Withdraws.

224th Complainant, Gunner J. Sullivan (2d).

Gunner *J. Sullivan*, 2d (a native of Roscommon, a bootmaker, attested at Cork on the 14th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—The only complaint I have, sir, is that I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is turned over I am entitled to my discharge or re-enlistment.

And which of those two would you choose if you had the chance?—Well, sir, I'd take my discharge, as I think I could do better out of the service.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

225th Complainant, Gunner J. Sullivan (1st).

Gunner *J. Sullivan*, 1st (a native of Tralee, a tailor, attested at Cork on the 18th September 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed first for the Company's Infantry, and was since transferred to the Artillery by my own consent. The Company being abolished, I consider they have no occasion for my services, and that I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, and go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it was stolen.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part I am sure. I took the last part; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

226th Complainant, Gunner D. M'Carthy.

Gunner *D. M'Carthy* (a native of county Clare, a shoemaker, attested at Warley on the 12th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have to say, sir, that I listed for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14, and I consider that I am entitled to my discharge according to my enlistment.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance; are you tired of soldiering?—Well, I can't really say; I don't know what my mind might lead me to do, but I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I have mislaid it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read well*)?—Yes, just to serve the Honourable East India Company's Infantry for the term of 10 years, and afterwards at Warley to serve the Artillery for 12. Not a word of talk about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *T. Price* (a native of Uxbridge, a labourer, attested at Shrewsbury on the 3d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 227th Complainant, Gunner T. Price.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed for the Company's Artillery, and as the Company's Artillery is no more, the only thing I am waiting for is my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance; are you tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I would take my discharge. I am not tired of soldiering, but I fancy I should like it better at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined, and is found to correpond in every respect with Appendix C).

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of this oath, but not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath that I took.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Williams* (a native of Lambeth, a boiler-maker, attested at Blackburn on the 25th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 228th Complainant, Gunner J. Williams.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Only, sir, I listed for the East India Company's Artillery for the term of 12 years, and as they are abolished I think I ought to be free.

And what would you do if you were free; are you tired of soldiering?—Well, sir, I think I would go home to work for my living again. I don't know how it would be if I was offered a bounty. I might arrange it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, just to serve in the East India Company's Artillery. Nothing was said about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Lieutenant Colonel *Huyshe* here lays before the court a roll of the men of the Artillery Regimental Band, from which it appears that there are only four who wish to make any complaint.

Gunner *J. Murphy*, of the band (a native of Cork, a clerk, attested in London, on the 30th of April 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 229th Complainant, Gunner J. Murphy.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I feel aggrieved about being transferred to the Queen without any explanation, and I have come forward now that I have seen the Commander in Chief's order about it.

And what is it you want?—I wish there had been a bounty or a re-enlistment.

And which of them would you choose if you had the choice?—I wish to remain in the country, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of this oath, but not the first. There was nothing, as far as I can recollect, about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Gunner *J. Hamilton*, of the band (a native of Dublin, a reedmaker, attested in Dublin on the 22d June 1854), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 230th Complainant, Gunner J. Hamilton.

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—When I listed, I listed for the East India Company's service, for the term of 12 years or 14, and as the Company has ceased to exist, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and I'd go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took, except that I was to bear allegiance to Her, Her heirs and successors.

Anything else to say?—No, sir, nothing.

[Withdraws.

231st Complainant, Gunner M. M'Mahon.

Gunner *M. M'Mahon*, of the band (a native of county Kerry, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 23d June 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I belong to the East India Company's Bengal Artillery, and I feel aggrieved being handed over to her Majesty without any explanation; and I think I am entitled to my discharge or re-enlistment.

And which would you take if you had the choice?—I don't know yet, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant)*?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

232d Complainant, Gunner R. Frizzle.

Gunner *R. Frizzle*, of the band (a native of Saugor, a musician, attested at Meerut on the 20th September 1858,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—The only complaint I have to make is that I listed for the East India Company and not for the Queen, sir.

And what is your object in complaining now?—I want my discharge or re-enlistment, and I'd take my discharge if I get it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant)*?—I don't remember the first part, but I took an oath to serve the Company.

Have you anything more to complain about?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

233d Complainant, Serjeant Fitzherbert.

Serjeant *Fitzherbert*, of the Depôt, (a native of Plymouth, a civil engineer, attested at Westminster on the 23d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—It's in the proclamation issued by the Queen that none of the privileges should be infringed upon. There are now admitted into the Commissariat Department, men of Her Majesty's Regiments; that's all I have to say, sir.

But were not men of Her Majesty's Regiments admitted into the Commissariat before the transfer of the Company's army to the Crown?—No, sir, not to my knowledge. Formerly men of Her Majesty's service had to buy their discharge before they could get the least lucrative appointment.

Can you mention any particular instance of a man in the Queen's service having to buy his discharge to get an appointment?—No, I couldn't mention that, sir; but I know it was the rule before, but on the Peshawur Road men were employed from the Queen's Regiments, and they used to get leave for six months from their Regiments for this, and if they wanted to get permanent appointments they had to take their discharge.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir, and I hope it may not be thought that I have made the complaint from any wish not to serve the Queen. I am employed in the Adjutant's Office and I have only mentioned what I have heard generally spoken of, and not from any object of my own as my money is already lodged for my discharge.

[Withdraws.

234th Complainant, Gunner H. Witherington.

Gunner *H. Witherington* (a native of Kent, a clerk, attested at Bristol on the 11th September 1855), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing, sir, more than that I never enlisted to serve Her Majesty. I was enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

And what is your wish now?—I'd wish it to be left optional with me to take my discharge or re-enlist with a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant)*?—I took the oath to serve the Company, and I was sworn in by a policeman; I was never taken before a magistrate.

Any other complaint?—No, sir, except that now the Company has ceased to exist I consider my oath not binding.

[Withdraws.

235th Complainant, Gunner and Acting Corporal W. R. Vaughan.

Gunner and Acting Corporal *W. R. Vaughan* (a native of Queen's County, a clerk, attested in Dublin on the 8th February 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I have simply got to say that since the transfer to Her Majesty, after the Company was abolished, I have nothing whatever to complain of, but as a matter of common justice I think it should be left optional with me to take my discharge.

Would

Would you take your discharge, if you had the option?—I think situated, sir, as I'm at present, I would.

Have you your attestation paper?—I havn't it with me. I think it's in the Orderly Room.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—That, the last, is the oath I took to the best of my recollection, not the first.

Have you anything further to say?—Nothing further, sir.

[Withdraws.

236th Complainant, Gunner J. Smith.

Gunner *J. Smith* (a native of county Clare, a clerk, attested at Birmingham on the 28th July 1852), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—My complaint is that I listed for the Company's service, and as the Company is abolished I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or re-enlistment. I would avail myself of the opportunity if my discharge was granted, as I think I could better myself, but not that I have any objection against the service.

Have you your attestation paper?—I have, sir, but I did'nt bring it with me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath but not the first. I was sworn in for the East India Company, and it was a mere matter of form, and they seemed anxious to get me away.

Have you anything further to say?—Yes, sir, I wish to ask a question. I made a complaint to the Brigadier on the morning of the 2d, and I was told there would be an inquiry and that I might make my complaint then, and here's my complaint if the Court will listen to it.

(The complainant hands in a written statement which on being read to the court is found to refer to the circumstance attending his discharge from the Electric Telegraph Department, and to his claim to good conduct pay, on being remanded to the Artillery. Brigadier Horsford informs the complainant that his statement shall be forwarded for the consideration of the Commander in Chief, on being sent through the usual channel.)

[Withdraws.

237th Complainant, Gunner W. Edwardes.

Gunner *W. Edwardes* (a native of Shrewsbury, an engineer, attested at Shrewsbury on the 7th September 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if the said Company required my services, and it's broke up I believe now, and I look for my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if it were offered to you?—Yes, sir, I would. I would go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, but there is my small book.

(The small book is examined and at page 12, which corresponds with the same page in Gunner Cumberbeach's small book, it is entered that Gunner Edwardes was "enlisted for the Company's Artillery on the 4th September 1858.")

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—The last part I did, sir, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

238th Complainant, Gunner J. Irvin.

Gunner *J. Irvin* (a native of county Mayo, a compositor, attested at Belfast on the 2d March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Why, sir, I listed for the Company; here is a statement of what I have to say.

(Complainant here hands in a written statement, which is read and entered in the proceedings as follows):—

"At home or abroad, your honour, I have always adhered to the principles of the constitution of Great Britain, as I ever intend to do, please God, whether as a subject or otherwise, no matter who may think well or ill of it. With regard to the question now before the court for consideration, namely, our privileges under existing circumstances, I wish respectfully to state that I regret that an infirmity of mind compels me to keep aloof from active employment, and on that account I would avail myself of the option, should there be any, of retiring to my native land. Should I be enabled for service by the return of health I would have little objection to serve in Her Majesty's home establishment. I was originally enlisted for the home service, although forwarded here by the Company's agent at Belfast. Indeed, I would be more contented in the home establishment.

10021, Gunner *James A. Irvin*,
Bengal Artillery."

Examination resumed.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant)*?—No, to tell the truth, I don't recollect taking any part of that oath.

Anything further to say?—No, nothing further, than that I'd like to go and list in Her Majesty's 51st if I had good health.

[Withdraws.

239th Complainant, Gunner T. Hughes.

Gunner *T. Hughes* (a native of Cardiganshire, a wheelwright, attested at Westminster on the 7th April 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make: if so, state it?—I wish to have it optional, sir, either to re-enlist or to take my discharge.

You have not made up your mind yet which you would do if you had the option?—No, sir, I have not.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined and is found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this, *(the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant)*?—I took the last part not the first.

Anything further to say?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

240th Complainant, Gunner T. Bradley.

Gunner *T. Bradley* (a native of county Kilkenny, a draper, attested in Dublin on the 10th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if they required my services, and now I understand the Company don't exist, and I consider myself discharged.

Are you anxious to get your discharge, or what?—Well, sir, I expect to get one and go home.

Do you want to go home. Are you tired of soldiering in India?—I'd rather go home; not to say tired of soldiering, but I don't like the climate.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath not the first, to the best of my recollection. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

241st Complainant, Gunner H. Wilson.

Gunner *H. Wilson* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested in Bristol on the 2d June 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—Nothing more, sir, than that I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and I consider it unfair that I should serve Her Majesty, that I never enlisted for.

And what is it that you would wish. Are you tired of soldiering?—I should wish for my discharge. I am unwell and unable to soldier, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything further to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

242d Complainant, Gunner J. Brannagan.

Gunner *J. Brannagan* (a native of county Dublin, a miller, attested in Dublin on the 14th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and now they're dissolved, I wish to get the benefit of it.

And what benefit do you hope to get?—Well I don't know, sir, but I want to get my discharge if its a thing that's done away with. I might enlist again, but I havn't made up my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I can't read properly, but I think I took the first part of the oath, but I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company. I only took one oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

There being no more complainants of the Artillery, the Court adjourned at half-past 4 p.m., to meet on Saturday next, the 28th instant, at 11 o'clock a.m., at the Mess House of the 2d Regiment Light Cavalry.

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Military—No. 274 of 1859.

Letters dated 18th and 26th May, and 3d, 11th and 17th June 1859, Nos. 68, 69, 71, 75, and 84.

My Lord, India Office, London, 18 August 1859.

1. These letters contain further details of the circumstances reported in your Military Despatch No. 66, in reply to which, the general views of Her Majesty's Government were indicated, and a full discretion was given you to adopt such measures as under the varying aspect of the movement among the local European troops, you may have deemed most conducive to the public interests. Further proceedings relative to the discontent of the European troops.

2. The papers which you have subsequently forwarded have proved incontestably the prevalence of the feeling of dissatisfaction among the men, and in most instances the sincerity of their conviction (mistaken though it was), that this engagement to serve as soldiers in India had terminated with the existence of the East India Company.

3. In your Despatch No. 75, you advert to the case of Gunner Bennett, who having formerly served in the line army, obtained his discharge and enlisted within six months in the Indian Artillery, but was not allowed to count his previous service in the line regiment. The particulars of the representation as referred to in your letter have not been found amongst the collection.

I have, &c.
Charles Wood.

The Right Hon. the Governor General of India in Council.

— No. 15. — No. 15.

No. 90 of 1859.—(Secret.)—Military Department.

(Separate.)

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M. P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

Our previous letters in the Military Department will have apprised your Lordship of the circumstances of the discontent among the European soldiers who enlisted for the East India Company's forces, and of the present temper of the men generally, allayed as their feelings appear at this moment to be by the assembly of Courts of Inquiry at Meerut and other stations, which were ordered by his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and before which each man has an opportunity of personally stating the grievance he may consider himself to have sustained, by the forces of the Company having become the Indian forces of Her Majesty.

Having received little beyond the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry sitting at Meerut and at Allahabad, we are not in a condition to transmit to your Lordship an account of all that the men have to state in their own behalf; but the subject seems quite exhausted in what has been already stated by those who have appeared before those courts, and we may succinctly describe their case in the following terms.

The men consider themselves to have been treated without due consideration in not having been allowed to volunteer to serve Her Majesty on the terms on which they had engaged to serve the Company, and in having been transferred by Act of Parliament to the immediate service of the Crown without having any option given to them in the matter. Some of the men claim their discharge, and have expressed their desire to return to England; but the greater portion of them seem to aim at the grant of a bounty, and are desirous, or, at least, willing

to be enlisted to serve Her Majesty, provided that that boon be conceded to them.

The men argue for the most part that they did not take the first part of the oath, "to obey Her Majesty's orders, and the orders of the generals and other officers set over them;" but only the latter part of the oath, "to be faithful to the Company and obey their orders, and the orders of their generals and other officers." That this is a mistake is proved by the fact, that, in the original attestation certificates deposited in the Town Major's office, the oath in both its parts is entered *in extenso*, and the original signature of each man (and the mark of those who cannot write) is affixed immediately below the oath. But the mistake has been certainly impressed most forcibly on the minds of the men by the incompleteness of the copy of the attestation certificate with which each of them is furnished. The copy is deficient, and indeed incorrect, in that it states with reference to their attestation, nothing more than this; that after having replied to the questions put to him, and which are given at length, the recruit "took the oath of allegiance and fidelity," the oath itself not being recited, or otherwise described.

We have caused the original attestation certificates to be transmitted to Meerut, to be shown to the men, in the hope of convincing them of their mistake, and of quietly proving to them that they can build no argument whatever on the allegation; that they did not take the prescribed oath in its complete form. But the men do not recede from their claims.

Reported speech of Lord Palmerston on 12 February 1858.

Several men have brought forward as a powerful argument on their side, the circumstance of Viscount Palmerston having in his place in Parliament, and when First Minister of the Crown, expressed his opinion, that, on the transfer of the Company's Indian forces to the immediate service of the Crown, as Her Majesty's Indian forces, the men would be equitably entitled to their discharge, if they disliked the change. We have found that the knowledge of his Lordship's declared opinion is very general among the troops, and that they place great reliance on it in support of their claims.

It is certain also that the combination to persevere in these demands has been much more widely spread than we had in the first instance reason to believe.

Having very anxiously considered all the circumstances and probabilities of this serious discontent among the European soldiery, and having weighed well the effect, immediate and prospective, which any one of the several measures which have suggested themselves to our minds is likely to have on the discipline of the European troops, on that of the Native troops in the several Presidencies, and on the minds of the ever-observant and easily-aroused native population, we have determined to exercise the discretion which Her Majesty's Government have entrusted to us. We have done so under the persuasion that early action on our part is best calculated to meet the exigencies of the case in India, and that it is more likely to help than to embarrass the decision of Her Majesty's Government in finally disposing of the question.

Secret Despatch from Lord Stanley, dated 24 February 1859.

Accordingly, after allowing time for the inquiries ordered by the Commander in Chief to have their calming effect upon the men, and for the full investigation of the reasons and feelings by which the men are moved, we have issued a General Order, clearly bringing before the European troops who were of the Company's service the nature of the obligations under which they were attested to serve; the decision of Her Majesty's Government on their claims, after giving them full consideration, and the unmilitary behaviour of those among the men who have nevertheless combined to persevere in these claims; the order goes on to declare our high appreciation of the conduct of the Company's troops in past times, and in the late disturbances of 1857 and 1858. Our reliance on the loyalty and good sense of the bulk of those troops, and our confidence that they would set a good example to their younger comrades. The order further declares that the Government of India is satisfied that the objections of the men are founded, in the case of many of them, on an honest conviction that their rights have been overlooked, and that this has been strengthened by opinion from high authority expressed in England. It notices that the men have put forward their conviction, for the most part, in a soldier-like and respectful manner, after the

No. 883, dated 20 June 1859.

orders

orders and warnings of the Commander in Chief had allayed the first excitement; and it announces that, such being the case, and because the Government of India desires that there shall not be even an appearance of injustice done to any soldier, those who have enlisted for the East India Company's forces, may, if they desire it, have their discharge.

The men are told that the representations which they have made will be transmitted to your Lordship, but it is at the same time distinctly declared to them, that the Governor General is not authorised to hold out any hope that Her Majesty's Government will recede from the decision to which it has already come, in regard to re-enlistment and bounty.

Lastly, the men are informed, that no man now taking his discharge will be permitted to re-enlist in India, either in the line or in the local forces; that all who now quit the service will be provided with passage to England, and there finally discharged, under the provisions of the Army Service Act, 10 & 11 Vict., c. 37, by which also in the meanwhile, they will continue subject to the Mutiny Act and Articles of War; that agreeably with the regulations of the Indian service, each man will be settled with to the date of his embarkation, and will receive no pay thereafter; and that those who elect to remain as they are, will have their decision recorded as being final.

It must be expected that this offer of discharge will lead many men to quit the service, influenced, as they will be, by various motives tending to that end.

There will be all those who, for one reason or another, honestly desire to leave the army and India, and to be at home; there will be some who have no such desire, but who, believing themselves aggrieved, have joined with the first in putting forward their objections to the mode of their transfer, and who will feel themselves bound to act in fellowship with their comrades; and there will probably be many whose real object is a bounty, and who, with the present prospect of easy re-enlistment in England, will be ready enough to return thither in search of it.

The means of partially supplying the vacancies which will occur in the most important branch of the service, the artillery, have already been suggested by the Commander in Chief, and we have concurred in his Lordship's proposal to prepare general officers of divisions, by a confidential circular, to invite volunteers for the artillery from amongst the British regiments of the line.

We trust that the course which we have taken will meet with the approval of Her Majesty's Government; we think it a better course than the only practicable alternative which presented itself, namely, the suspension of the whole question until the decision of Her Majesty's Government upon it should be received. We think that this last course would have been open to the objection that for long it would have kept before the eyes of all classes, an exciting difference between the Government and its soldiers, without any approach to a settlement, and that although meanwhile the malcontents might have remained outwardly quiet, combination would have been at work, and the army would have become still further tainted. The course which we have adopted seems to us to offer the best hope of breaking up this combination, by separating, so far as may be possible, those who seek discharge from those who seek money.

But it is necessary to look beyond the present moment, and to anticipate the feelings likely to actuate that portion of the troops, whether they be many or few, who, rather than take their discharge at the present moment, will remain in expectation, notwithstanding our warning to the contrary, of some eventual concession at the hands of your Lordship, in the matter of re-enlistment and bounty. We solicit instructions in regard to the mode of dealing with those men. In our opinion it will be desirable that we should be armed with authority to announce to all who may be dissatisfied with the eventual decision of Her Majesty's Government, that the Queen has no further occasion for their services, and that those who then may desire to leave Her Majesty's Indian forces, will be discharged and sent to England. We do not think that there will be any advantage in retaining such men in the army after all that has passed, but neither do we think it necessary to treat them less liberally than those who take their discharge at once.

We beg your Lordship to understand that we have no wish whatever to see a relaxation of the decision of Her Majesty's Government in the matter of re-enlistment and bounty, although we have taken upon ourselves to relax it as regards discharge.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
H. B. Harington.

Fort William, 24 June 1859.

No. 16.

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No. 91 of 1859.—(Secret.)—Military Department.

(Separate.)

To the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M. P., Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

My Lord,

General Order No. 884, of the 20th June 1859.

We regret to acquaint your Lordship, that the 5th European Regiment, stationed at Berhampore, have recently so misconducted themselves, as to cause us to come to the determination of declaring that corps not entitled to the benefit of the General Order enclosed in our Despatch No. 90 of this date.

We have accordingly excluded them from its operation, until inquiry shall have been made into the conduct of the regiment, and a report received thereon.

We have determined also to despatch a detachment of 500 British infantry, and two guns of the Royal Artillery, from Fort William to Berhampore, to overawe the disaffected men of the 5th European Regiment, and by this display of military power, to strengthen the hands of the officer in command, in his efforts to bring the men to a sense of their duty, which we trust will be attended with the desired effect.

The officer selected by us to command the detachment and communicate with the discontented men, is Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Mackenzie, C.B., Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of Her Majesty's Forces serving in India, an officer in whom we place the greatest confidence; we earnestly hope, and we have strongly expressed to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie our solicitude on this subject, that he will be able to bring the regiment to reason, and restore discipline in it, without having recourse to actual force, which might bring on a collision most deeply to be deplored.

The accompanying papers contain all the information which has reached us of the state of the 5th Regiment, at Berhampore, and the General Order applying to that corps.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
H. B. Harington.

Fort William, 24 June 1859.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.

ElectricTelegraph Department.

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The following message, forwarded from Serampore Station and received at Howrah Station,—

From General *Hearsey*, K.C.B., Barrackpore, to General *Birch*, C.B., Military Secretary to Government.

19 June, 2 o'clock, p.m.

I HAVE this moment received the following telegram from Colonel Lennox, Commanding at Berhampore, and solicit the orders of Government for my guidance:—

"The greater portion of the 5th European Regiment have refused to do any duty, and are in a state of passive mutiny."

Enclosure 2, in No. 16.

No. 867.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to Major General Sir *J. B. Hearsey*, K.C.B., Commanding Presidency Division. Encl. 2, in No. 16.

Sir,

I RECEIVED this morning your urgent message by telegraph, communicating Colonel Lennox's report of the state of the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore, and it was at once laid before his Excellency the Governor General. Military Department.

His Excellency feels convinced that the only measure likely to secure the important object of dealing with judgment with the difficulty at Berhampore, is that you should immediately proceed to that station yourself.

The Governor General believes that both you and the officers at Berhampore are in possession of the instructions which the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief issued at the beginning of the discontent, but no report has reached the Government of any inquiry having been held at that station. If such has not been the case, it should now be ordered. But his Lordship desires me to observe that, if the men continue in their present condition, they should be told that they will not be heard, and that no consideration will be given to their complaints until they shall have returned to their duty.

The Governor General requests that you will acquaint me for his information how far the instructions of the Commander in Chief have been carried out at Berhampore, and to remark at the same time that a report on this point from you might have been looked for.

I am to beg that you will make the earliest practicable arrangements for proceeding to Berhampore.

I have, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William;
20 June 1859.

Enclosure 3, in No. 16.

(No. 122.)

To Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Military Secretary to Government, Calcutta. Encl. 3, in No. 16.

Sir,

I RECEIVED your letter sent by the hand of Warres Chupprassee this morning, and now have the honour of replying to it.

1st. In a letter I addressed to you of the 10th May 1859, I stated:

"In answer to your telegram of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report for the information of Government, that all is quiet here (Barrackpore) and at Dum Dum, respecting the matter referred to (*i. e.* the misconduct of the men at Meerut, &c.)

"At Berhampore a partial discontent and excitement displayed themselves on the 2d instant, in some of the companies of the 5th European Regiment; but the disturbance was speedily suppressed, and now all goes on as usual. Three of the ringleaders (young soldiers of 10 months' service) have been confined, and will be brought to trial by a court martial."

Since the period of the receipt of this letter, I have received no further report from Colonel Lennox, Commanding at Berhampore, nor from Major Maitland, commanding the 5th European Regiment, and I had every reason to suppose all was going on quietly, until I received the telegram from Colonel Lennox, which I forwarded to you yesterday.*

I beg leave to copy a portion of the instructions received from General Mansfield, Chief of the Staff, dated 5th May, and received by me on the 15th May.

Paragraph

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* Strength of 5th Bengal European Regiment at Berhampore:—

Serjeant Major	1
Quartermaster Serjeant	1
Staff Serjeants	4
Serjeants	35
Corporals	28
Drummers	20
Privates	351
TOTAL	440 Men of all ranks.

Paragraph 3, of Confidential Circular Memorandum.

"If any feelings or conduct of a like sort should manifest themselves in the Presidency Division, it will be necessary to follow the same course as that adopted at Meerut. To exercise great forbearance towards the men, and to hear what they have to say, while their expressions are couched in a respectful and soldier-like style, and conveyed through the proper channel of regimental officers."

The orders conveyed in the above paragraph could only be carried out when the men misbehaved. Instructions have been sent to Colonel Lennox, to assemble a court to take down the evidence of the men, or whatever they may choose to state with decorum and propriety.

The above explanation will I trust exonerate me from any want of energy in carrying out any orders I may have received.

I have now to forward for the information of Government two letters, in original, I have received by this morning's post from Colonel Lennox, Commanding at Berhampore, dated 17th and 18th June instant. I beg to recommend that one of Her Majesty's regiments now at the Presidency, or at the adjoining stations, be sent immediately to Berhampore; I believe the river is sufficiently open to allow the regiment to go by steamers the whole way to Berhampore; if not, carriage, &c., can be assembled at the nearest point. The tents, the regiment can carry with it, to enable the corps to march on to that station.

I am making inquiries as to the speediest mode I can proceed to Berhampore, and shall lose no time in getting there.

I will report to Government and to his Excellency the Commander in Chief as soon as I am certain of the date of my departure hence.

I have, &c.
J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Barrackpore, 20 June 1859.

To Major *Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the division, the disaffected state of the 5th European Regiment.

2. On the evening of the 15th instant, four European deserters from the up-country regiments were said to be round about the station; one (a man of the cavalry) was apprehended, and is now in confinement in the quarter-guard of the 5th Regiment.

The other men are reported to have held a conference yesterday with certain men of the regiment, and produced letters from the disaffected regiments up country to their comrades at this place.

3. Major Maitland, commanding the 5th Regiment, reported this to me yesterday evening, after he had secured the ammunition of the regiment, and made each man give up his rounds in pouch, informing me also that Private W. Marshall was the ringleader and prime mover, instigating the men to disaffection.

4. I ordered a parade this morning, when only the men sworn in for the Queen's service obeyed the order; those calling themselves Company's soldiers refused to turn out of barracks.

5. The men are passively disobedient.

I humbly submit we require aid to overawe the disobedient men of the 5th Regiment.

I have, &c.
W. G. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 17 June 1859.

To Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division.

Sir,

Berhampore, 18 June 1859.

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report, for the information of Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the division, that yesterday the mutinous portion of the 5th European Regiment proceeded with the intention of releasing the prisoners from the main guard house, but were warned off by the guard, and nothing further transpired.

I have, &c.
W. G. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

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Enclosure 4, in No. 16.

My dear Beadon,

20 June.

Is it any use sending you the enclosed? Matters seem to be in a nice way at Berhampore. The longer severity is deferred, the worse it will be. A steamer can go, if necessary, Mr. A. says.

Yours, &c.
C. B. Young.

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Berhampore, 19 June 1859.

My Dear Captain Young,

The gauge to day is 7 feet 4 inches; river rising steadily.

It will reach to-morrow 7 feet 10 inches I anticipate, and steamers can start from Calcutta if necessary.

The mutineers go on steadily here. They have congregated in one of the large double storied barracks to defy attack, &c., and to protect each other; out of 550 or so, 120 are staunch. The "rebels" have appointed their own Colonel, Major, Adjutant, &c. I have regular daily orders; no outrage has been attempted, but as their grog, pay, and servants, as bheesties, cooks, punkah coolies, are all stopped and withdrawn, people fancy here that the men will not remain long quiet under such difficulties, and are all looking out for the steamer and troops they expect as aid.

Believe me, &c.
J. W. Armstrong.

Enclosure 6, in No. 16.

(No. 945.)

To the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army. Encl. 6, in No. 16.

Sir,

I am desired to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that it has within the last few days come to the knowledge of Government that a spirit of discontent and insubordination, amounting it may be said to positive mutiny, exists in the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore.

The correspondence herewith forwarded will put his Lordship in possession of the circumstances that have occurred so far as Government is in possession of information on the subject.

The Governor General in Council had at first intended sending Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., to Berhampore, to reason with the men, and to endeavour to bring them to a sense of their disgraceful conduct; but upon further consideration it has been deemed expedient that the Major General should remain at his own head-quarters, where there is a large depôt, containing, amongst others, about 200 recruits of the 5th European Regiment, besides a considerable body of disarmed native troops, awaiting the decision of Government as to their disposal.

It had also been decided to despatch a detachment of 500 men of Her Majesty's service, with two guns of the Royal Artillery, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of Her Majesty's forces. This detachment will leave, it is hoped, to-morrow morning, and it has now been determined by his Lordship in Council to entrust the conduct of the whole matter to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie an officer of great experience with European troops, and who possesses the confidence of Government.

A copy of the instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie is forwarded for his Lordship's information.

It has also been deemed expedient to issue a G. G. O. of this date, copy of which is transmitted, declaring that for the present, and pending an inquiry into the circumstances now reported, the men of the 5th European Regiment cannot be admitted to the privilege of discharge granted by Government General Order No. 883 of the same date, to such men of Her Majesty' Indian forces as are unwilling to continue to serve Her Majesty, in consequence of the transfer of the army to the direct control of the Crown.

With reference to the instructions given to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, it will be observed that that officer has been directed to assume command of the station of Berhampore as well as of the 5th European Regiment, thus displacing Colonel Lennox from his command, and Major Maitland from the command of the regiment, pending the result of the inquiries about to be instituted.

These arrangements have been made at once, as time did not admit of a previous reference to Lord Clyde. It will rest with his Lordship to take into consideration the subject of providing for the permanent command eventually of the 5th E. Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie has been directed to report daily to the Commander in Chief on the state of affairs at Berhampore.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
21 June 1859.

Enclosure 7, in No. 16.

Encl. 7, in No. 16.

(No. 883 of 1859.)

GENERAL ORDER by his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, in Council.

Fort William, 20 June 1859.

HIS Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council calls the attention of the English soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces to this General Order.

On entering the service of the East India Company, every soldier was attested in the following manner:—

Among the "Questions" to be put separately by the justice to a recruit on enlisting," was this one:—

8. "Are you willing to be attested to serve in the East India Company's infantry, cavalry or artillery (as the case might be), for the term of *, * * * *, provided that the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?"

He then made the following declaration before the justice on attestation:—

"I, ——, do declare, that the above questions have been separately put to me; that the answers thereto have been read over to me; and that they are the same that I gave, and are true.'

He then took the following oath:—"I, ——, do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown, and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me.

"And that I also will be true to the said Company, and will duly observe and obey all their orders, and the orders of their generals and officers who shall be lawfully set over me."

* The first part of the oath is not a mere oath of allegiance, but an oath both of allegiance and of military service. It is not an oath taken by civilians; for when a civilian takes an oath of allegiance, he swears that he will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Queen, and nothing more; but it is precisely the same oath as that under which every soldier of Her Majesty's service, enlisted in England and elsewhere, engages to serve in the Royal army, and it is the only oath administered to a recruit on attestation for Her Majesty's service.

The second part of the oath binds the soldier to serve the East India Company faithfully, and to obey orders, precisely in the same terms as those in which, in the first part of the oath, he has sworn to serve the Queen.

Every man who took this oath bound himself to serve the Crown as well as the Company, but with a clear understanding that he was to serve in India only, and exclusively in the British forces of the Company, as distinct from the ordinary service of the Crown.

It having been deemed expedient by the Legislature of the United Kingdom that the East India Company should cease to administer the Government of India, in trust for the Crown, an Act of Parliament was passed, on the 2d of August 1858, "For the better Government of India;" the Act of 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106.

Of this statute, the 56th section enacted as follows:—

"The military and naval forces of the East India Company shall be deemed to be the Indian military and naval forces of Her Majesty, and shall be under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty as they would have been under to serve the said Company, and shall be liable to serve within the same territorial limits only, for the same terms only, and be entitled to the like pay, pensions, allowances and privileges, and the like advantages as regards promotion, and otherwise, as if they had continued in the service of the said Company; such forces and all persons hereafter enlisting in, or entering the same, shall continue and be subject to all Acts of Parliament, laws of the Governor General of India in Council, and Articles of War, and all other laws, regulations and provisions, relating to the East India Company's military and naval forces respectively, as if Her Majesty's Indian military and naval forces respectively, had throughout such Acts, laws, articles, regulations and provisions, been mentioned or referred to, instead of such forces of the said Company; and the pay and expenses of and incident to Her Majesty's Indian military and naval forces shall be defrayed out of the revenues of India."

Under this section of the Act, the forces of the East India Company are not transferred to the Crown, so as to place them on the same footing as Her Majesty's troops of the line, but the most careful provision is made to preserve inviolate the terms of service under which the men enlisted, so that no man shall be required to serve out of India, nor in any British regiment, other than those which composed the army of the Company, and that the pay, pension, and all other rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by them in the service of the Company, shall continue in every respect to be enjoyed by them.

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The sole change made by the Act of Parliament is in the designation of the troops. It is enacted that they shall be deemed to be "the Indian military forces of Her Majesty."

The service is precisely what it was before; its local limits, its peculiar advantages, its entire distinctness from the ordinary service of the Crown, are exactly what they have heretofore been. But the forces which bore the name of the Honourable East India Company's forces, so long as that Company administered the Government of India in trust for the Queen, have now the honour of being known as the Indian forces of the Queen herself.

Some portion however of these troops, shortly after the Act of Parliament came into force, came forward to claim a bounty or their discharge, on the ground that they had been transferred without their consent from the service of the Company to the service of the Crown, as to a different service from that into which they enlisted.

This claim received all proper consideration where it was becomingly made; it was submitted by the Government of India to Her Majesty's Government; it was the subject of careful deliberation, and it was pronounced inadmissible by the law advisers and Ministers of the Crown.

The bulk of the English soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces is composed of men who well represent those, who, during the administration of the Company, have shed their blood side by side with the Royal troops serving in India, to establish the supremacy of the British power, and to sustain the glory of England; and many amongst them have, by their valour and discipline, during the last two eventful years rendered invaluable service in the repression and punishment of mutiny and rebellion. The Viceroy and Governor General in Council has placed reliance on the loyalty and good sense of the great body of these men, and he has looked confidently to their setting a good example to their younger comrades. He has not been disappointed.

But a strong feeling prevails among some, chiefly the younger soldiers, that they have not been dealt with justly, and some have been guilty of acts of disobedience and misconduct.

These were quickly put down. Afterwards, by order of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, Courts of Inquiry were opened, before which the men were called upon to make their representations, and to state unreservedly the grounds of their claims. The proceedings of these Courts are now before the Government.

The Government is satisfied that the objections of the men are founded, in the case of many of them, on an honest conviction, that their rights have been overlooked. This conviction has been strengthened by the expression of opinions from high authority in England, which naturally have had a powerful effect on the minds of the men. It has been put forward by the men for the most part in a soldier-like and respectful manner, after the first excitement had passed away, consequently upon the orders and warnings of the Commander in Chief.

Such being the case, and it being the desire of the Government of India, that there should not be even an appearance of injustice done to any soldier, his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council has determined, with the full concurrence of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that every non-commissioned officer and soldier in the three Presidencies who enlisted for the East India Company's forces, shall, if he desire it, be allowed to take his discharge, under the provisions of the Act for limiting the time of service in the army,* which directs that soldiers taking their discharge, shall be conveyed to England, and there finally discharged; and that in the meanwhile they shall continue to be subject to the Mutiny Act and Articles of War.

* 10 & 11 Vict. c. 37.

Each man will be duly paid up and settled with to the date of his embarkation; from which date, according to the regulations of the local forces, pay will cease.

The representations of the men, as recorded by the Courts of Inquiry assembled for this purpose at Meerut and other stations, will be transmitted for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. But the Viceroy and Governor General in Council distinctly announces, that he is not authorised to hold out any hope that the Government of Her Majesty will recede from the decision to which it has already come, in regard to re-enlistment and bounty.

The offer of discharge now determined upon, will be made under arrangements to be ordered by the Commanders in Chief respectively at the three Presidencies; and the decision of every man who elects to remain in the service, is to be entered in the regimental records, and will be considered final.

Men accepting their discharge under this order, will not be permitted to enlist into any regiment in India, whether of the line, or of Her Majesty's Indian forces. They will be sent to the port of embarkation, under the orders of their Excellencies the Commanders in Chief in Bengal, Madras and Bombay, and will be provided with passage to England.

By order of his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Department.

Enclosure 8, in No. 16.

Encl. 8, in No. 16.

(No. 884 of 1859.)

GENERAL ORDER by His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council.

Fort William, 20 June 1859.

CIRCUMSTANCES have recently come to the knowledge of his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, which show that the 5th European Regiment, stationed at Berhampore, has conducted itself in a manner which leads him to doubt whether the privilege conferred by the General Order No. 883 of this day's date can properly be extended to that corps, his Excellency in Council has determined that the 5th European Regiment shall be excluded from the operation of the said order, until inquiry shall have been made into its conduct, and a report received thereon.

By order of his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Department.

Enclosure 9, in No. 16.

(No. 987.)

Encl. 9, in No. 16.

The Secretary to the Government of India, to the Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

Military Department.

I AM desired to acquaint you that Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, Officiating Deputy Adjutant General, Her Majesty's forces, has been directed to proceed to Berhampore, and upon arrival to assume command temporarily of the station, and also of the 5th Bengal European Regiment; and to request that you will be good enough to send immediate instructions to Colonel Lennox and Major Maitland, desiring them, upon the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, to make over the command of the station and of the regiment respectively to that officer.

It would be well that you should transmit a copy of the instructions direct to Colonel Lennox, as well as through the general officer commanding the Presidency Division, to ensure the arrival of the instructions by the time Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie reaches Berhampore.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
22 June 1859.

(No. 988.)

COPY para. 1 of the foregoing, forwarded to the Military Auditor General for information.

By order, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Enclosure 10, in No. 16.

Encl. 10, in No. 16.

To Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report for the information of the Major General commanding the Division, that the 5th European Regiment still remain passively mutinous; not performing any duty.

I have, &c.
W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 19 June 1859.

Forwarded to the Military Secretary to the Government of India for submission to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, by his Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Barrackpore, 21 June 1859.

Enclosure 11, in No. 16.

(No. 966.) Encl. 11, in No. 16.

To Lieutenant Colonel *Kenneth Mackenzie*, C. B., Officiating Deputy Adjutant General, Her Majesty's Forces in India.

Sir,

I AM directed to acquaint you that the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore, appears to be in such a state of disorganisation, a large proportion of the men having exhibited in a very mutinous way their discontent at their late transfer to Her Majesty's Indian service, that it has become necessary to take measures without delay for bringing the regiment to a sense of its duty, and for overawing the turbulent and disaffected men in the corps. Military Department.

2. It is a primary object to endeavour to convince the men of the unsoldier-like and disgraceful nature of their conduct, and to encourage them to come forward and represent their grievances before a Court of Inquiry, which has already been ordered.

3. There is reason to hope that as with other regiments so with this corps, the personal remonstrance and exhortations of an officer who has the confidence of Government, will succeed in restoring discipline. But the Government feels it to be indispensably necessary that other means of bringing the disaffected to a sense of their duty should be at hand, and for this purpose his Excellency the Governor General in Council has determined to despatch from the Presidency to Berhampore 500 infantry and two guns, and arrangements for the immediate departure of this detachment by the river route have been at once put in train.

4. For the command of his detachment and for the direction of its operations, the Governor General in Council has been pleased to select you as an officer, on whose experience of European troops, and on whose judgment and discretion, he is disposed to place the fullest reliance. I am to request, therefore, that you will prepare to proceed to Berhampore immediately in command of the detachment.

5. His Excellency in Council has further determined, that on arriving at Berhampore you shall assume command of the station, and that you shall be directly charged with the control and management of the 5th European Regiment; for which purpose Colonel Lennox, now commanding the station, will be ordered to make over the command to you, and Major Maitland commanding the 5th Regiment, will be displaced from his command.

6. It is committed to you by the Governor General in Council to nominate an officer to act as adjutant to the corps in the room of the officer who now holds that appointment.

7. On assuming the command at Berhampore your first object will be to exhort the men of this regiment to return to their duty, to inform them explicitly that their representations and complaints cannot possibly be listened to while they remain in a mutinous state, whereas if they make them in a becoming and soldier-like manner, they shall be fully recorded and made known to Her Majesty's Government. And the Governor General indulges the belief that by your tact and judicious remonstrance with the men, you will succeed in persuading them to adopt this course.

8. I am desired to impress upon you in the strongest manner the earnest and anxious hope of the Government, that by the prudence and caution of your measures, any necessity for actual collision between the detachment placed under your orders and the mutinous men of the 5th European Regiment will be avoided. It is for the purpose of overawing the disaffected by an exhibition of strength, and in the hope of avoiding recourse to forcible coercion, that the Governor General in Council has placed the detachment at your disposal, and his Excellency in Council relies on your doing everything in your power to eschew the calamity of a collision.

9. As to the identification and eventual punishment of those men who may be found to have been most guilty as ringleaders or otherwise, it is left to your judgment to take such measures towards this end as you may think best.

10. You will be expected to report the state of matters at Berhampore daily to this department for the information of Government, and to the General Officer commanding the Presidency Division, as well as to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
21 June 1859.

Enclosure 12, in No. 16.

(No. 1041.)

Encl. 12, in No. 16. From the Secretary to the Government of India to Lieutenant Colonel *Kenneth Mackenzie*, C.B., Commanding Berhampore.

Sir,

Military Department. To avoid the possibility of misconception arising from the following words in para. 9 of my letter to your address, No. 966, dated the 21st instant:

"As to the identification and eventual punishment of those men who may be found to have been most guilty as ringleaders or otherwise, it is left to your judgment to take such measures towards this end as you may think best;" I am directed to acquaint you that it was not the intention of Government to authorise your holding courts martial on any of the men. It rests with the Commander in Chief alone, and not with the Government, to empower officers to convene courts martial.

The object of that part of the instruction which is above quoted, was to impress upon you the necessity of exercising and acting upon your own judgment in taking measures to identify and to prepare the way to the "eventual" punishment of the principal delinquents.

To show you what the Commander in Chief desires to be done in such cases as those which you may have to deal with, I am desired to forward for your guidance the accompanying copies of papers enumerated in the margin.*

You are requested to acknowledge your receipt of this letter.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
23 June 1859.

(No. 1042.)

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army with reference to my letter, No. 945, dated 21st instant.

By order of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(No. 369.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

BY desire of the Commander in Chief I have the honour to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, copy of a letter dated 6th instant, No. 186, from Major F. Maitland, commanding 5th European Regiment, with charges against three men of the corps for mutinous and insubordinate conduct.

2. Lord Clyde directs me also to annex copy of my reply, No. 1706, of this date, and to request you will acquaint the Governor General that like instructions have been sent in two other cases of insubordination that have occurred at Meerut and Cawnpore.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
18 May 1859.

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* Letter No. 369, dated 18th May 1859, from the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, with its enclosed letter, No. 186, dated 6th May 1859, from Major F. Maitland to Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division, with three charges against soldiers.
Letter No. 1706, dated 18th May 1859, from the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Officer Commanding Presidency Division.
Service message from the Chief of the Staff to Sir Robert Napier, K.C.B., Gwalior, dated 19th May 1859.

(No. 186.)

From Major *F. Maitland,* Commanding 5th European Regiment, to Major *Ross,* Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division.

Sir, Berhampore, 6 May 1859.

In submitting the accompanying to Major General Sir John Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the division, I request the favour of your explaining that on the afternoon of the 2d instant, the Adjutant General's circular, and the orders of Government deciding that no bounty was allowable on transfer to Her Majesty's service, was read out to the regiment; the same evening two companies showed a riotous disposition, until some of the ringleaders were placed in confinement; under these circumstances, I think it advisable an example should be made of the men against whom I have the honour to forward charges.

I am happy to say that the feeling about the bounty has now quite ceased.

I have, &c.
F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiment.

Charge submitted against No. 100, Private *John Harty,* 5th European Regiment.

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct at Berhampore, on the 3d day of May 1859, in having, after he had heard read on parade the Circular No. 1152, from the Adjutant General of the Army, and General Order by the Governor General, No. 480 of 1859, regarding the transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the Crown, paraded the barracks with the badge of the late East India Company on his cap, and ribbons or papers of different colours flying from his cap, and tin pots beating, thereby inciting the men of the regiment to mutinous conduct.

Charge submitted against No. 121, Private *John Masser,* 5th European Regiment.

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct, and inciting others to mutiny, in having, at Berhampore, on or about the night of the 2d of May 1859, after having heard read, on the afternoon parade, the Circular, No. 1152, from the Adjutant General of the Army, and General Order by the Governor General, No. 480 of 1859, regarding the transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the Crown, stated, in presence of the men, "I enlisted for the East India Company; I do not belong to the Queen, and I will not serve Her Majesty," or words to that effect.

Charge submitted against No. 277, *Thomas Flynn,* 5th European Regiment.

For mutinous and insubordinate conduct at Berhampore, in having, on or about the night of the 2d instant, when being taken a prisoner to the guard, resisted the escort, and attempted to incite the men of the regiment to mutinous conduct by shouting out several times, "Men, do you see me being taken to the guard?" or words to this effect, in such a tone of voice as was evidently intended to induce the men to rescue him.

(No. 1706.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Officer Commanding Presidency Division.

Sir, Head Quarters, Simla, 18 May 1859.

I am directed by the Commander in Chief to acknowledge the receipt of a letter, dated 6th instant, No. 186, forwarded through you by Major F. Maitland, commanding 5th European Regiment, submitting applications for the trial of the men of the corps named in the margin*, for mutinous and insubordinate conduct; and in reply I am to beg you will cause the men to remain in confinement for the present, their trial being deferred till further orders.

*Private John Harty.
" John Masser.
Thos. Flynn.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

(No. 39 A.)

Service Message.

From the Chief of the Staff to Sir *Robert Napier*, K.C.B., Gwalior.

Head Quarters, Simla, 19 May 1859.

IT is impossible for the Commander in Chief to accept any statement of grievances from the 3d Europeans, so long as they do not obey their officers, and come to parade. If they wish to have the same privilege as that which has been conceded in other stations, they must deserve it by their proper behaviour.

Let this be thoroughly understood, according to the 3d para. of the order issued at Meerut, conveyed in my Confidential Memorandum, dated the 5th instant.

The men who are in confinement will not be tried till further orders, but they are on no account to be released. Guard against rescue.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

True copy of the foregoing forwarded to Major General Birch, C.B., for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor General.

By order,

H. H. Crealock, Lieutenant Colonel,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General
to the Chief of the Staff.

Chief of the Staff's Office,
Simla, 19 May 1859.

Enclosure 13, in No. 16.

Encl. 13, in No. 16.

(Confidential.)

(Nos. 1043 and 1044.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, $\frac{\text{Fort St. George.}}{\text{Bombay.}}$

Sir,

Military Department.

WITH reference to Government General Order, No. 883, of the 20th instant, granting discharge to such soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian military forces as are unwilling to continue to serve in consequence of the transfer of the Indian armies to the direct control of the Crown, I am desired to transmit, for the information of the $\frac{\text{Honourable}}{\text{Right Honourable}}$ the Governor in Council of $\frac{\text{Fort St. George,}}{\text{Bombay,}}$ and of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, two copies of a confidential circular, issued by the Commander in Chief in India, containing instructions to General Officers in command of Divisions in respect to carrying out the orders of Government.

This circular is communicated in order that the Government of $\frac{\text{Fort St. George}}{\text{Bombay}}$ may know in what manner exactly it has been determined to proceed in this Presidency.

I have, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council-Chamber, Fort William,
23 June 1859.

Enclosure 14, in No. 16.

Encl. 14, in No. 16.

(Confidential Circular.)

(No. 2191.)

To the Officer Commanding, Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Simla,
7 June 1859.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to acquaint you that it is the intention of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, to grant discharges to such men belonging to Her Majesty's local European forces as may be unwilling to serve the Crown directly, in accordance with 56th clause of the Act of Parliament, by which the transfer of the Government of India from the Honourable the East India Company was lately effected.

2. According to the information now before Lord Clyde, it is apparent that a very considerable body of men serving in the European regiments of the local army will avail themselves of this opportunity for taking their discharge.

3. No steps will be taken at present with respect to filling up vacancies, which may occur in consequence, in the cavalry and infantry regiments of the Indian army. It is important, on the other hand, that vacancies in the Bengal Artillery should be filled with as little delay as possible as respects the immediate efficiency of the field guns now in battery.

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4. With the sanction, therefore, of the Governor General in Council, Lord Clyde directs that in stations where troops and field batteries of Bengal Artillery may be rendered inefficient by the discharge of considerable numbers of the artillerymen, their efficiency is to be restored by supplying the place of gunners who are leaving, with volunteers from Her Majesty's infantry regiments.

5. The volunteers must be men of sufficient size, of approved good character, and of at least three years' service and under six years. All expense of change of uniform will be defrayed by the State; and from the dates of their transfer they will receive the rates of pay enjoyed by horse and foot artillery respectively.

6. For the troops and batteries in which very few men take their discharge, it will be unnecessary to have recourse to the foregoing measures; it will only apply to those troops and batteries in which the drain of men taking their discharge amounts to or exceeds one-fourth of the regulated strength.

7. You will address officers in command of regiments of Her Majesty's service, called on to furnish volunteers, and will inform them from the Commander in Chief, that the best interests of the State require the execution of the above measure, and that he counts on their cordial assistance in carrying it out, and inducing men to volunteer who are fit for the service proposed for them.

8. As soon as the Government General Order, granting discharge of those men of the Indian army who desire it, is received, you will cause a committee, composed of a field officer and two captains, to assemble at every station within the division where troops of the local European force are stationed, for the purpose of recording the names of those men who desire to take their discharge. At the time of taking down their names it is to be distinctly explained to each man that he will not receive his final discharge until his arrival in England, and that until that period he is subject to all the provisions of the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, according to the custom and regulation of the service affecting men obtaining their discharge in India. Men enlisted in this country, having no claim to be sent to England, and no parish to go to, will be discharged on the spot, or at the place of their enlistment, as they may desire.

9. As soon as committees have recorded the names of the men to be discharged, their proceedings, accompanied by an abstract of the number of those who are quitting the service, are to be sent to this department in triplicate.

10. A copy of the report of the committee is also to be sent to each corps concerned, when measures will at once be taken to settle the accounts, and all unadjusted claims of the men, and regimental committees are to assemble for the purpose laid down in G. O. C. C., 3d March 1855, to which order the strictest attention is enjoined.

11. The men will be paid up to the last day of the month in which they may quit their station; and officers proceeding in command of detachments are to be furnished with correct last pay certificates of the men (as well as of any women and children), clearly setting forth the rates of pay to which the several parties may be entitled.

Officers who receive charge of detachments are to satisfy themselves that all claims have been duly adjusted, and are to question each man before quitting the station, and obtain his acknowledgment to his having no unsettled claims. In cases where it is found absolutely impossible at the time to adjust any particular claim, the circumstance is to be noted on the last pay certificate.

12. Officers commanding corps will also transmit to the Town Major at Fort William a roll of the men to be discharged, containing the particulars required by Art. 22, Section XLIV., of the Military Regulations, and the Town Major will then send to the Town Major of Bombay, and the officer commanding at Kurrachee respectively, a general roll of the men embarking from those ports, with all particulars as to dates of payment, &c.

13. Particulars respecting the routes to be taken by the discharged men will be sent by the Quartermaster General of the Army; those from the Punjaub and Cis-Sutledge States will proceed down the Indus to Kurrachee for embarkation; those from Delhi, Agra, and Gwalior, by Mhow to Bombay; and those at Meerut, in Rohilcund, and all stations near the line of the Ganges, to Calcutta.

14. You will furnish this department with rolls of the officers who it is proposed should accompany the men to England, in view to the Commander in Chief making selections for the day.

15. This circular is to be kept strictly confidential, and not communicated even to your own staff, until you receive the Government Order referred to in para. 8 (which will be sent direct from the Presidency), and you will have the goodness to acknowledge receipt of the circular by telegraph.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 15, in No. 16.

Encl. 15, in No. 16.

(No. 1067.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to Major General Sir *J. Hearsey*, K. C. B., Commanding Presidency Division.

Sir,

Military Department.

I AM directed to acquaint you that the reports made by Colonel Lennox, commanding at Berhampore, of the state of the 5th European Regiment there stationed, are very unsatisfactory to Government, and to observe that, instead of merely reporting that the corps is "passively mutinous," it was the duty of that officer to make known to Government the particulars of the men's conduct from day to day. Of private accounts there is no deficiency; but in the almost total absence of official information, the Governor General in Council is at a loss to know how far the private accounts are accurate or otherwise, or what is meant by the regiment being passively mutinous.

2. His Excellency in Council desires that full particulars of what has passed may be obtained from Colonel Lennox, including the period from the first (recent) appearance of discontent to the day on which Colonel Lennox may make over the command of the station to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie.

* No. 966, dated 21st June 1859. No. 1041, dated 23d June 1859.

3. I am directed to transmit, for your information, the accompanying copy of instructions* which have been given to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
24 June 1859.

Enclosure 16, in No. 16.

Encl. 16, in No. 16.

(No. 433.)

From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India.

Sir,

Military Department.

IN continuation of previous correspondence, I have the honour, by desire of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Right Honourable the Governor General in Council the accompanying papers from the *Acting Commandant of Artillery, relative to the dissatisfaction existing among the men of the 2d Company, 5th battalion, 23 of whom claim their discharge on the plea of never having been attested to serve Her Majesty.

* His letter, No. 937, dated 13th May 1859, with enclosures.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
25 May 1859.

(No. 937.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters.

Sir,

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut, 13 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, copy of a letter, No. 89, of the 10th current, from the officer commanding the 2d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Foot Artillery, with nominal roll of men of that company, who solicit their discharge from the service.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

(No. 89.)

To the Assistant Adjutant General, Bengal Artillery, Meerut.

Sir,

I REGRET to have to forward a list of 26 men who expressed themselves discontented with their present position, and who claim their discharge from the service on the grounds that they never enlisted or were attested to serve Her Majesty, whose name never appeared in their engagement with the late East India Company.

The men came forward at my request, were perfectly well behaved, quiet and correct in their manner, and continue to do their duty properly and correctly; this I feel perfectly certain they will continue to do.

Two

Two men came forward and said all they wanted was that they should get the same pay as the Royal Artillery soldiers here, who got beer money, 1*d.* (one penny) per diem more than the Bengal Artillery soldier.

I forward this direct to save the delay of a day's post, reporting having done so t Lieutenant Colonel Barr, commanding the 5th Battalion.

I have, &c.
Alfred Light, Major,
Commanding 2d Company, 5th Battalion,
Bengal Artillery.

Gwalior, 10 May 1859.

ROLL of Men of 2d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, who claim their Discharge on the grounds of never having been attested to serve Her Majesty.

No.	Regimental No.	Rank and Names.	Remarks and Character.
		Corporals:	
1	7,229	Foley, Dominick - -	Excellent.
2	8,303	Gatheral, John - -	Good.
		Gunners:	
1	9,271	Creed, Seth - - -	Very good; young
2	10,031	Dobson, Robert - -	Ditto - - - ditto.
3	9,500	Graham, Walter - -	Ditto - - - ditto.
4	10,042	Hollingsworth, John -	Ditto - - - ditto.
5	9,428	Hopkins, Martin F. -	Very bad; prisoner for trial by Dis: C. M.
6	9,318	Kelly, Michael - -	Very good; young hand.
7	9,319	Kielly, Rodger - -	Ditto - - ditto.
8	10,046	Kilner, James - -	Ditto - - ditto.
9	8,467	Lindsay, John - -	Bad.
10	9,197	Miller, William - -	Very good; young hand.
11	6,788	Oakley, Frederick - -	Bad; lately reduced from quartermaster serjt.
12	6,115	Russell, William - -	Very bad indeed.
13	10,061	Stanfield, Thomas - -	Very good; young hand.
14	8,604	Williams, David - - -	Bad.
15	6,855	Dobbin Samuel - -	Bad.
16	7,274	Casey, Daniel - -	Very bad. Prisoner under sentence.
17	10,030	Davis, James - -	Very good; young hand.
18	8,101	Daly, Charles - -	Bad.
19	10,047	Leary, Cornelius - -	Very good; young hand.
20	9,169	Graham, Henry - -	Ditto - - ditto.
21	8,453	Hatch, Henry - -	Good.
22	9,461	Tracey, Hugh - -	Fair. Prisoner under sentence. Young hand.
23	7,458	M'Carthy, Timothy -	Very bad. Prisoner.

Alfred Light, Major,
Commanding 2d Company, 5th Battalion,
Bengal Artillery.

Gwalior, 10 May 1859.

Enclosure 17, in No. 16.

MEMORANDUM by Honourable *B. Peacock*. Encl. 17, in No. 16.

Do the men in the Royal Artillery get 1*d.* a day beer money more than the Bengal Artillery, every where, or only Gwalior?

B. Peacock.

The accompanying tables of pay show that the Royal and Indian Artillery soldiers receive the same pay. The table for the Royal Artillery is made up monthly, according to the number of days in each month. The Indian rate is the average monthly sums, calculated over a period of four years, so as to include leap year. The Indian Artilleryman, when above 100 miles from Calcutta, Madras, or Bombay, receives 1*d.* a day beer money in his pay, as well as the Royal Artillerymen.

R. J. H. Birch,
Secretary to Government of India,
Military Department.

(No. 1251 of 1858.)

The Honourable the President of the Council of India in Council is pleased to publish, in General Order, the following Tables of Pay for the Royal Artillery and Engineers, and for the Honourable Company's European Artillery and Engineers:—

TABLE of Pay of the Royal Artillery in India.

	PAY, EXCLUSIVE OF DRY RATIONS.															
	In Garrison or Cantonments within 200 Miles from the Presidency.								In the Field, or when stationed beyond 200 Miles from the Presidency.							
	For 28 Days.			For 29 Days.			For 30 Days.			For 31 Days.			For 28 Days.			For 29 Days.			For 30 Days.			For 31 Days.		
Troop of Royal Horse Artillery:	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Serjeant-major Quartermaster serjeant	48	4	6	50	–	2	51	11	9	53	7	4	49	6	9	51	3	1	52	15	4	54	11	7
Serjeant conductor of stores (A.)	56	–	–	58	–	–	60	–	–	62	–	–	57	2	3	59	2	11	61	3	7	63	4	3
Hospital serjeant	49	2	3	50	14	4	52	10	5	54	6	6	50	4	6	52	1	3	53	14	–	55	10	9
Serjeant	35	6	10	36	11	1	37	15	4	39	3	7	36	9	1	37	14	–	39	2	11	40	7	10
Corporal	26	4	7	27	3	7	28	2	7	29	1	8	27	6	10	28	6	6	29	6	2	30	5	11
Bombardier	24	–	–	24	13	9	25	11	5	26	9	2	25	2	3	26	–	8	26	15	–	27	13	5
Gunner, doing duty as hospital orderly	19	11	5	20	6	8	21	2	11	21	14	2	20	13	8	21	9	7	22	6	6	23	2	5
Gunner	14	–	–	14	8	–	15	–	–	15	8	–	15	2	3	15	10	11	16	3	7	16	12	3
Driver	11	11	6	12	2	2	12	8	10	12	15	6	12	13	9	13	5	1	13	12	5	14	3	9
Trumpeter	23	2	4	23	15	6	24	12	9	25	9	11	24	4	7	25	2	5	26	–	4	26	14	2
Second ditto	14	–	–	14	8	–	15	–	–	15	8	–	15	2	3	15	10	11	16	3	7	16	12	3
Farrier	40	13	9	42	5	1	43	12	5	45	3	9	42	–	–	43	8	–	45	–	–	46	8	–
Shoeing Smith	25	6	11	26	5	5	27	3	11	28	2	5	26	9	2	27	8	4	28	7	6	29	6	8
Collar maker Wheeler	22	9	2	23	6	1	24	2	11	24	15	10	23	11	5	24	9	–	25	6	6	26	4	1
Field Battery and Reserve Company of Foot Artillery:																								
(B.) Serjeant-major, Quartermaster serjeant (A.)	46	13	9	48	8	6	50	3	3	51	14	1	48	–	–	49	11	5	51	6	10	53	2	3
Serjeant conductor of stores (A.)	53	11	6	55	10	2	57	8	10	59	7	6	54	13	9	56	13	1	58	12	5	60	11	9
Hospital serjeant	46	13	9	48	8	6	50	3	3	51	14	–	48	–	–	49	11	5	51	6	10	53	2	3
Serjeant	33	2	4	34	5	3	35	8	2	36	11	1	34	4	7	35	8	2	36	11	9	37	15	4
Corporal	24	–	–	24	13	9	25	11	5	26	9	2	25	2	3	26	–	8	26	15	–	27	13	5
Bombardier	21	11	6	22	7	10	23	4	3	24	–	8	22	13	9	23	10	9	24	7	10	25	4	11
Gunner, doing duty as hospital orderly	16	13	9	17	7	4	18	1	–	18	10	7	18	–	–	18	10	3	19	4	7	19	14	10
Gunner Driver	11	11	6	12	2	2	12	8	10	12	15	6	12	13	9	13	5	1	13	12	5	14	3	9
Trumpeter and bugler	11	11	6	12	2	2	12	8	10	12	15	6	12	13	9	13	5	1	13	12	5	14	3	9
Farrier	38	9	2	39	15	2	41	5	3	42	11	3	39	11	5	41	2	1	42	8	10	43	15	6
Shoeing smith	23	2	4	23	15	6	24	12	9	25	9	11	24	4	7	25	2	5	26	–	4	26	14	2
Collar-maker Wheeler	20	4	7	21	–	2	21	11	9	22	7	4	21	6	10	22	3	1	22	15	4	23	11	7

(A.)—These are inclusive of the following Staff Pay; viz.—

	For 28 Days.			For 29 Days.			For 30 Days.			For 31 Days.		
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Serjeant conductor of stores, horse or foot artillery, 1*s.* 6*d.* a day, or	20	9	3	21	4	11	22	–	8	22	12	6
Acting serjeant-major, 6*d.* as Company's serjeant, 6*d.* as serjeant-major; total, 1*s.* a day, or	13	11	6	14	3	3	14	11	1	15	2	11
Acting quartermaster serjeant, 1*s.* a day, or	13	11	6	14	3	3	14	11	1	15	2	11

(B.)—These are acting appointments.

TABLE of Pay for Service Companies of Royal Engineers in India.

	PAY, EXCLUSIVE OF DRY RATIONS.															
	In Garrison or Cantonments within 200 Miles from the Presidency.								In the Field, or when stationed beyond 200 Miles from the Presidency.							
	For 28 Days.			For 29 Days.			For 30 Days.			For 31 Days.			For 28 Days.			For 29 Days.			For 30 Days.			For 31 Days.		
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Colour serjeant	40	9	2	42	–	4	43	7	6	44	14	8	41	11	5	43	3	3	44	11	1	46	2	11
Serjeant	33	11	5	34	14	8	36	1	11	37	5	3	34	13	9	36	1	8	37	5	7	38	9	6
Corporal	24	9	2	25	7	2	26	5	3	27	3	4	25	11	5	26	10	1	27	8	10	28	7	6
Second corporal	20	4	7	21	–	2	21	11	9	22	7	3	21	6	10	22	3	1	22	15	4	23	11	7
Bugler	10	13	9	11	3	11	11	10	1	12	–	4	12	–	–	12	6	10	12	13	9	13	4	7
Sappers and Miners	10	13	9	11	3	11	11	10	1	12	–	4	12	–	–	12	6	10	12	13	9	13	4	7

TABLE of Revised Monthly Pay of the Honourable Company's European Artillery.

	PAY, EXCLUSIVE OF DRY RATIONS.												Staff Pay.		
	Horse Artillery.						Foot Artillery.								
	In Garrison or Cantonment within 200 Miles from the Presidency.			In the Field, or when stationed beyond 200 Miles from the Presidency.			In Garrison or Cantonment within 200 Miles from the Presidency.			In the Field, or when stationed beyond 200 Miles from the Presidency.					
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Serjeant-major, regimental	59	15	1	61	3	–	57	7	4	58	11	3			
Quartermaster serjeant, regimental	52	7	10	53	11	8	50	–	1	51	3	11			
Hospital serjeant (A.)	53	6	8	54	10	7	50	14	11	52	2	10			
Schoolmaster serjeant (untrained) (A.)	–		–	–		–	50	14	11	52	2	10			
Orderly room clerk	38	8	2	39	12	1	36	–	5	37	4	4			
Roughrider serjeant (A.)	53	6	8	54	10	7	—			—					
Farrier major (A.)	53	6	8	54	10	7	—			—					
Drill serjeant (B.)	45	15	5	47	3	4	43	7	8	44	11	7			
Trumpet or bugle-major	38	8	2	39	12	1	36	–	5	37	4	4			
Staff Serjeant:															
In troop or company (A.)	52	7	10	53	11	8	(C.)50	–	1	51	3	11			
In a horse light field battery:															
If served by Europeans	–		–	–		–	(B.)43	7	8	44	11	7			
If irregular, as in the Punjaub Irregular Force	–		–	–		–	(A.)50	14	11	52	2	10			
Serjeant	38	8	2	40	12	1	36	–	5	37	4	4			
Corporal	28	9	2	29	13	1	26	1	5	27	5	4			
Bombardier	26	1	5	27	5	4	23	9	8	24	13	7			
Trumpeter	25	2	6	26	6	6	—			—					
Second trumpeter and bugler	15	3	5	16	7	4	12	11	8	13	15	7			
Gunner	15	3	5	16	7	4	12	11	8	13	15	7			
Farrier (besides pay as non-commissioned officer or gunner)													7	7	3
Roughrider – – ditto – – ditto – – ditto													7	7	3
Saddler – – – ditto – – ditto – – ditto													7	–	–
Maximum Staff of a Division of Artillery:															
Serjeant-major (in addition to the pay of serjeant), extra pay, 6*d.* a day													7	7	3
Quartermaster serjeant – ditto – – ditto – – ditto													7	7	3
Drill serjeant – – – ditto – – ditto – – ditto													7	7	3
Hospital serjeant – – – ditto – – ditto – – ditto, 1*s.* a day													14	14	6

(A.) Includes staff pay, at 1*s.* a day, or *Co.'s Rs.* 14. 14. 6. per month.
(B.) Ditto – – – at 6*d.* a day, or *Co.'s Rs.* 7. 7. 3. "
(C.) Includes staff pay, at 1*s.* a day, which will be continued so long as that rate, instead of 6*d.* a day, may be issued to a company serjeant in a battery of Royal Artillery.

TABLE of Monthly Rates of Indian Pay of Non-Commissioned Officers and Rank and File of the Honourable Company's European Sappers and Miners.

	Pay, including Compensation for Spirit Rations for any Month.					
	In Garrison or Cantonment within 200 Miles from the Presidency.			Beyond 200 Miles of direct Distance from the Seat of Government.		
	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*	*Rs.*	*a.*	*p.*
Serjeant-major, regimental	63	15	8	65	3	7
Quartermaster serjeant, regimental	56	8	5	57	12	4
Serjeant	36	10	5	37	14	4
Corporal	26	11	4	27	15	3
Second corporal	22	–	9	23	4	8
Sapper	11	12	10	13	–	9

F. D. Athinson,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,
In the Military Department.

(No. 1496 of 1858.)

THE Honourable the President of the Council of the Governor General of India is pleased to publish in General Orders the following Table of the revised pay of hospital serjeants of Royal Infantry:—

TABLE of Indian Pay of Hospital Serjeants in Infantry Regiments of Her Majesty's Service, applicable to the Three Presidencies.

	Pay, with Compensation in lieu of Spirit Rations.			
	For 28 Days.	For 29 Days.	For 30 Days.	For 31 Days.
When serving beyond 200 Miles of direct distance from the Presidency.	*Rs. a. p.*	*Rs. a. p.*	*Rs. a. p.*	*Rs. a. p.*
Hospital Serjeant:				
After 10 years' uninterrupted service as such - - - - - - - -	36 11 11	38 – 5	39 4 11	40 9 7
Under ditto - - - - - - -	29 14 2	30 14 9	31 15 4	33 – 1
In Garrison or Cantonment, within 200 Miles from the Presidency.				
Hospital Serjeant:				
After 10 years' uninterrupted service as such - - - - - - - -	35 8 10	36 12 6	38 – 2	39 4 –
Under ditto - - - - - - -	28 11 1	29 10 10	30 10 7	31 10 6

Erratum.—In the table of field pay of a serjeant of horse artillery in the Indian army, published in Government General Order, No. 1251 of 1858, *for* *Rs.* 40. 12. 1., *read* *Rs.* 39. 12. 1. Order books to be corrected accordingly.

F. D. Athinson, Major,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,
in the Military Department.

Enclosure 18, in No. 16.

Encl. 18, in No. 16.

(No. 1057.)

From Brigadier *R. Horsford*, Acting Commandant of Artillery, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, Head Quarters.

Head Quarters of Artillery, Meerut,
6 June 1859.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to forward for submission to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief the enclosed reports from the officers commanding the 2d Troop, 2d Brigade, and 1st Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery, stationed at Allahabad and Sealkote respectively, of the conduct of the men of those troops relative to the question of their transfer from the service of the East India Company to that of Her Majesty.

2. Also a communication from the officer commanding the 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery, correcting an error in his letter No. 83 of the 21st ultimo, forwarded with my letter No. 1007 of the 26th ultimo.

I have, &c.
R. Horsford, Brigadier,
Acting Commandant of Artillery.

(No. 95.)

To Major *Bishop*, Adjutant 3d Brigade Horse Artillery, Umballa.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter No. 83 of the 21st instant, I have the honour to report that when I took down the complaints of the men therein referred to (which complaints have been forwarded to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, through the station authorities),

authorities), on the 23d instant, a fifth man came forward, Gunner Stokes, who was in hospital when I spoke to the troop on the morning of the 21st. I also wish to correct an error in my former letter, as there were two, not three recruits. The names of the men were Gunners Stokes, Worth, Strugnell, M'Dade, and Dyer.

I have, &c.

Muttra,
29 May 1859.

Charles M'W. Mercer, Captain,
Commanding 3d Troop, 3d Brigade, Horse Artillery.

(No. 100.)

To Major *Bishop*, Adjutant 3d Brigade Horse Artillery, Umballa.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of the officer commanding the brigade, that on the night of the 27th instant I received intimation from the staff serjeant of the 1st troop under my charge that, about 20 or 30 men of the troop, principally young hands, had assembled outside the barracks that evening after hours (at about a quarter to 10); that he had heard a gunner, M'Carthy (2), addressing them, calling on them to stand by one another to gain their rights, and using other words to cause them to misbehave themselves; and that Gunner M'Carthy (2) was evidently the ringleader. The staff serjeant immediately turned out the guard, and ordered the men to their cots; which order not having been immediately obeyed, he spoke to the first man he saw, desiring him by name to go to his cot; on his hesitating, he made him a prisoner; he then made Gunner M'Carthy over to the escort. Gunner M'Carthy resisted, and otherwise committed himself, as did a gunner, Considine, who endeavoured to excite the men to rescue him when he was being taken from the barrack to the guard; but I have great pleasure in being able to inform the commanding officer that the men on guard and the majority of the troop behaved admirably, and in no way sympathised with the misguided few.

Immediately visited the barrack, and found the men all quiet, and on their cots, and made prisoners of the men named in the margin *, who had either been recognised by the serjeants of the troop as having been present at the meeting, or in addition had committed some disobedience of orders. Gunner Paxton (a recruit) refused to take a man to the guard, saying, when ordered to do so, he would take no old hand to the guard. Gunner Kellaway was the first man whom the staff serjeant ordered to his cot, and was confined for not obeying at once. Gunners Turner and Maloney were ordered several times to their cots, and disobeyed the order. Gunner Pellett (a young hand of last season), Balger, and Berry (recruits), were recognised as having been present at the meeting.

* Gunner M'Carthy (2).
" Considine.
" Maloney.
" Turner.
" Paxton.
" Pellett.
" Kellaway.
" Balger.
" Berry.

I reported the circumstance to the Brigadier commanding the station, requesting a court-martial on Gunner M'Carthy (2), a man whose whole career since he has been in the service, some five years, has been one perpetual resistance to legitimate authority, as will be seen by a reference to the defaulter and court-martial sheets of the troop; also on Gunners Turner, Maloney, and Considine, men of bad character, who were conspicuous on the evening in question; and also on Gunner Paxton, who, though a recruit, has already been tried by D. C. M. for desertion, and was directly insubordinate to the staff serjeant.

I had spoken to the men of the troop some time ago, pointing out to them that if they had any complaint or grievance, their proper course was to let me know it, and I would pay every attention to it; and I had been assured by the serjeants of the troop that the men were perfectly satisfied on the subject of the transfer.

The Brigadier commanding the station visited the parade of the men on Saturday last, and by his desire I asked each man individually if he had any grievance or complaint; every one answered in the negative.

I have great pleasure in being able to speak most highly of the conduct of the staff serjeant and other serjeants of the troop, of the men on guard, and three-fourths of the troop, who evidently in no way sympathised with the others; and I trust that a few men having held a meeting, led on by so worthless a character as Gunner M'Carthy, will not cast a slur on the good name of the troop.

I have, &c.

Sealkote, 13 May 1859.

A. Rotton, Captain,
In Charge 1/3, H. A.

To the Officer Commanding 2/2 H. A., Allahabad.

Sir,

Camp, Buddensaw, 22 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that it having come to my knowledge that some discontent prevailed amongst some of the men of the half troop under my command, regarding their transfer from the service of the East India Company to that of the Crown, and having heard what had occurred at Meerut and Allahabad amongst some of the troops at those stations, I considered it best to speak to the men, and tell them fully what had taken place, and exactly how the matter stands, and inquire whether they had any grievance, in order to prevent any display of improper feeling.

With this view, I paraded the whole of the European portion of the half troop on arrival in camp this morning, and having told them what had taken place at Meerut and Allahabad,

and explained to them that the proper course to pursue, should they have any grievance, was, to state the same to me in a respectful manner, and not by any show of insubordination, or refusing to perform their duty. I called upon those men who had any complaint to make to step to the front, and I would hear them.

Twenty-one men (a list of whom I have the honour to enclose) came to the front, and having dismissed the remainder, I inquired of each separately his complaint. They each in a perfectly respectful manner informed me that according to the terms of their attestation, they considered that on being transferred from the service of the East India Company to that of Her Majesty, they were entitled to a new bounty.

Having heard their complaints, I informed them that I would forward the same to you, and request that you would have the goodness to forward them on. I advised them to remain quiet and do their duty.

I then asked each separately if he had any objection to perform his duty. They each replied that they had "no objection whatever." I then dismissed them.

I have the honour to request that you will forward the complaints of those men who consider themselves aggrieved, in order that should they be entitled to redress, they may receive it, as I have promised them that attention shall be paid to their complaint.

I have, &c.
Robert R. Franks, Lieutenant,
Comm^{g} Det. 2/2 H. A.

NOMINAL ROLL of Men Rt. Half Troop at Allahabad, who have appeared before Court.

Corporal W. Hood.	Gunner Cook.	Gunner Lewis.
Gunner Newman.	„ Walker.	„ Darby.
„ Douglas.	„ Lockey.	„ Fergusson.
„ Naym.	„ Neelson.	„ Killin.
„ Brien.	„ Norris.	„ Kilecher.
„ Hibbett.	„ Chambers.	„ Snell.
„ Munchan.	„ Dingwall.	„ Lynch.
„ M'Farlan.	„ King.	„ Hatridge.
„ M'Parlam.		

Light Half Troop in Oude, desirous to appear.

Bombardier Patrick.	Gunner Hartill.	Gunner Davis.
Gunner Beny.	„ Hill.	„ Cendron.
„ Rentene.	„ Murphy.	„ Caufield.
„ Reid.	„ B. Marshall.	„ Bunnie.
„ FitzGerald.	„ M'Vean.	„ Benoke.
„ Joyce.	„ M'Kenzie.	„ Stevens.
„ Jackson.	„ Gifford.	„ Whelan.

E. Kaye, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding 2d Troop, 2d Brigade H. A.

(No. 256 A.)

Sir, Allahabad, 28 May 1859.

PROBABLY the commanding officer would wish to receive from me some report regarding the behaviour of the men of this troop during the present excitement prevailing among the forces of the late East India Company.

Before I left Calcutta I had the satisfaction to hear, in the first instance, from the Military Secretary to the Governor General, and subsequently from his Lordship himself, that the men of the troop at Allahabad had shown no symptoms of discontent.

However, on Sir John Inglis parading them, after his arrival at the station, he invited them generally to come forward and make their statements before the Court of Inquiry, then ordered to assemble. They were paraded more than once for this purpose, and they were invited to speak freely. Roll was called in barracks, and those who wished to be examined were told to put in their names. Finally, 25 men appeared before the court. Their statements were, generally, that having enlisted for the East India Company's service they considered that on transfer they should have had the option of discharge or re-enlistment with bounty; they remarked too, generally, on the mode in which the transfer of their services had been made, without any reference to their wishes. They do not, however, appear to have given their sentiments in an objectionable manner, and they are all willing to serve on and await the decision of Government.

I examined, privately, several of the men who had been before the court. Some appeared anxious for their discharge, being desirous of going to Europe for reasons quite unconnected with the transfer, but wishing to take advantage thereof, if it were allowed. Others appeared somewhat indifferent, but considered themselves entitled to a fresh bounty.

Duty

Duty has been conducted in the usual manner throughout, and the men seem cheerful and contented. I may mention in this place that on the Queen's birth-day, the men had a dinner in barracks, somewhat beyond their ordinary fare, and that they invited the officers to visit their messes. They conducted themselves well, and drank Her Majesty's health loyally.

I beg to forward a letter, which I have received from Lieutenant Franks, commanding left half-troop. I expect the detachment will arrive on 31st. In original.

I have, &c.
E. Kaye,
Brevet Lieut.-Colonel Commanding 2d Troop,
2d Brigade, Horse Artillery.

To the Adjutant 2d Brigade
Horse Artillery, Meean Meer.

(No. 662.)

FORWARDED in original by desire of the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
14 June 1859.

Enclosure 19, in No. 16.

Sir, Berhampore, 20 June 1859. Encl. 19, in No. 16

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report for the information of the Major General commanding the division, that the 5th European Regiment still continue passively mutinous.

I beg to enclose a morning report of the above regiment.

I have, &c.
W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

To Major A. H. Ross,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Presidency Division.

For submission to the Right honourable the Viceroy and Governor General of India, by his Excellency's most obedient humble servant,

J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Barrackpore, 23 June 1859.

MORNING REPORT of Her Majesty's 5th European Regiment, commanded by Major *F. Maitland.*

	Serjeant Major.	Quarter-Master Serjeant.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	H. P. Drummers.	Privates.
Present and loyal	1	1	4	33	22	4	-	104
Sick in hospital or quarters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
In confinement or arrest	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9
Absent without leave	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
* Absent, otherwise accounted for	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	149
Disloyal	-	-	-	-	7	16	-	203
TOTAL	1	1	4	37	30	20	-	502

* At the Barrackpore Recruit Depôt.

F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding Her Majesty's 5th European Regiment.

Berhampore, 20 June 1859.

No. 17.

— No. 17. —

(No. 302 of 1859.)

My Lord, India Office, London, 31 August 1859.

Military.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 90, in the (Secret) Military Department, dated 24th June last, but which did not reach me till the 11th August, I have to convey to you the full approval, by Her Majesty's Government, of the measures which you have taken in granting the option of discharge and a free passage home to those European soldiers of the local army to whom the General Order issued by you on the 20th of June 1859 is applicable.

2. The results of the Courts of Inquiry held at the several stations of the army have clearly established the prevalence of the conviction amongst the European soldiers, that they had a right to an option in regard to the transfer of their services from the East India Company to the Crown. We concur with you in the opinion that the defective form of the duplicate attestation given to the men, and the opinion supposed to be entertained by officers in India, were calculated to confirm that conviction, and that it was not probable that this impression could be removed by explanation or argument.

3. There might have been danger in deferring the final decision until receipt of instructions from this country; and, in fact, the instructions conveyed in my Despatch gave you full powers to act in such manner as you might judge best for the good of the public service.

4. The course which you have taken in pursuance of the discretion so entrusted to you is entirely approved. Her Majesty's Government see no objection to allowing any men who, on the first impulse, may have elected to take their discharge from reconsidering their choice at any time previous to their embarkation, provided that the men so returning to duty be re-attested.

5. With reference to the last para. of your letter, requesting instructions as to the mode of dealing with such men as may not have availed themselves of the offer of discharge, but who, nevertheless, remain in expectation of some concession being authorised from England, as re-enlistment with bounty, notwithstanding your clear and explicit warnings to the contrary.

You state it to be your opinion that there would not be any advantage in retaining such men in the ranks of the army, and that you do not wish to see a relaxation of the decision of the Government in the matter of the re-enlistment and bounty, but that you should be armed with authority to signify to any men who may not be contented to remain in the ranks of Her Majesty's army, that Her Majesty will dispense with their further service. I am somewhat at a loss to reconcile the proposal contained in this paragraph of allowing what I understand to be a second option of discharge to any of the men who have not already taken it, with the statement, in a former part of your Despatch, that those who elect to remain as they are, will have their decision recorded as final.

6. If, however, you have in any way given a promise to the men that such option should be afforded them, Her Majesty's Government, in accordance with the assurance given to you in the previous Despatches, of the 27th June 1859, No. 217, and the 18th August 1859, No. 274, of their support in any measure which you may deem best calculated for Her Majesty's service, authorise you to grant to all such men as may apply for discharge under the circumstances contemplated, their discharge and a free passage to England, in the same manner as has been conceded to the men already discharged under the operation of the General Order of the 20th June 1859.

I have, &c.
Charles Wood.

His Excellency
the Right Honourable the
Governor General of India in Council.

— No. 18. —

No. 18.

MILITARY LETTER from Fort William, dated 2 July 1859, No. 95.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our Separate Letter, No. 84, of the 17th ultimo, we transmit, for your Lordship's information, further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut, including a portion of the 17th day's sitting.

We also forward the proceedings of similar Courts of Inquiry, assembled at Cawnpore and Hazareebaugh, to record grievances on the part of the men of the Artillery, and of the 6th European Regiment, in reference to their transfer to the Crown.

Our Separate Letter in the Secret Department (Military), No. 91, of the 24th ultimo, will have apprised your Lordship of the misconduct of the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore, and of our intention to despatch a detachment of British infantry, with two guns, to that station, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Mackenzie, C.B., Officiating Deputy Adjutant General, Her Majesty's forces in India.

This force reached Berhampore on the 25th ultimo, and amongst the enclosures will be found the daily reports of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie on the state of the regiment, and the proceedings he has adopted consequent thereon, from that date to the 29th of June.

On the day after his arrival Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie paraded the garrison, calling upon the disaffected men to turn out, which they did; and, having had explained carefully to them the Government General Order of the 20th ultimo, the whole, with the exception of 39 men, listened to reason and joined their comrades as soldiers.

Those who did not were immediately seized as prisoners, the ringleader, Lance Serjeant Best, being confined in the cells.

The remaining men who are disaffected having, very shortly after Best was separated from them, expressed a wish to return to their duty, were, after a day's interval, allowed to join their comrades and parade, but without arms.

A Court of Inquiry has been assembled, to give the 5th European Regiment an opportunity of recording their grievances in the same manner as was allowed to their comrades in other stations.

The reports of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie as to the state of matters at Berhampore are as satisfactory as could be expected; he has acted with good judgment and temper in dealing with the men, and we have no doubt that he will complete the duty imposed upon him with the same discretion and ability as has been already shown by him.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
H. B. Harrington.

Fort William,
2 July 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 18.

To Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division, Barrackpore. Encl. 1, in No. 18.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Major General commanding the Division, that the 5th European Regiment still continues passively mutinous.

I have, &c.
W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 22 June 1859.

For submission to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, by his Lordship's most obedient servant.

J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Barrackpore, 25 June 1859.

Enclosure 2, in No. 18.

Encl. 2, in No. 18.

MORNING REPORT of Her Majesty's 5th European Regiment Infantry, Commanded by Major *F. Maitland.*

—	Colonels.	Lieutenant Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Adjutant.	Quartermaster.	Surgeon.	Assistant Surgeon.	Serjeant Major.	Quartermaster Serjeant.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	H. P. Drummers.	Privates.
Fit for duty	–	–	1	2	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	25	17	2	–	79
On duty	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4	1	–	26
Sick in hospital or quarters	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	26
In confinement or arrest	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	–	–	–	11
Non-effective (disloyal)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	8	16	–	205
Absent without leave	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	6
At Barrackpore	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	151
Absent; otherwise accounted for	3	1	1	11	11	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	1	–	–	–
GRAND TOTAL	3	1	2	14	20	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	37	30	20	–	504

Three privates allowed to remain amongst the loyal soldiers, but not allowed to do duty.

W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 22 June 1859.

F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiment.

Enclosure 3, in No. 18.

Encl. 3, in No. 18.

(No. 1175.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to Major General Sir *J. B. Hearsey*, K. C. B., Commanding Presidency Division.

Sir,

Military Department.

IT having been observed by Government that in the morning report of the 5th European Regiment, dated the 22d instant, it is stated that three privates "had been allowed to remain amongst the loyal soldiers, but not allowed to do duty," I am directed to request that you will call for an immediate explanation of this entry, and that you will again inform Colonel Lennox how unsatisfactory it is to Government to receive returns sent as this, unaccompanied by any explanation.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
27 June 1859.

Enclosure 4, in No. 18.

Encl. 4, in No. 18.

Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division, Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Sir,

IN continuation of my former reports, I have the honour to state for the information of the Major General commanding the Division, that the disloyal men of the 5th European Regiment still continue passively insubordinate.

I have, &c.
W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Forwarded for submission to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, by his Lordship's most obedient servant,

J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Head Quarter, Presidency Division,
Barrackpore, 26 June 1859.

Enclosure 5, in No. 18.

MORNING REPORT of Her Majesty's 5th European Bengal Regiment, Commanded by Major *F. Maitland.* Encl. 5, in No. 18.

	Colonels.	Lieutenant Colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Ensigns.	Adjutant.	Quartermaster.	Surgeons.	Assistant Surgeons.	Serjeant Major.	Quartermaster Serjeant.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Drummers.	H. P. Drummers.	Privates.
Fit for Duty - -	–	–	1	2	7	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	25	18	2	–	77
On duty - - -	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	4	1	–	26
Sick in hospital or quarters - - - -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	1	–	22
In confinement or arrest	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	–	10
Disloyal - - -	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	7	16	–	209
Absent without leave -	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	6
Absent otherwise accounted for - -	3	1	1	11	11	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	2
At Barrackpore - -	–	–	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	151
TOTAL - - - -	3	1	2	14	20	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	37	30	20	–	504

Four men absconded from the hospital.
One private, T. Kelly, No. 6 Company, joined the disloyal.

W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiments.

Enclosure 6, in No. 18.

(No. 168.)

Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Calcutta. Encl. 6, in No. 18.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23d instant, No. 1041 and enclosures, and to inform you in reply that I shall attend particularly to your instructions, relative to paragraph 9 of your letter of 21st instant, No. 966.

I have, &c.

Berhampore, 25 June 1859. *K. Mackenzie*, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 7, in No. 18.

(No. 1).

To Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta. Encl. 7, in No. 18.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report that the detachment under my command reached here this forenoon.

I at once assumed command of the station, removed Major Maitland from command of 5th Europeans, and appointed Lieutenant Hunter to act as Adjutant in place of Lieutenant Davis; Captain Slater I have directed to carry on the detail of the corps, but to issue no order without my approval.

I found that 223 men of the 5th Europeans were disaffected, refusing to obey their officers, and occupying the south double storied barracks.

On being ordered to turn out, they did so at once, and having done my best to explain to them the consequences of their conduct, and what means Government had placed at my disposal, they listened with attention and respect. However, from the short time that I have been here, I deemed it wise to take no further steps till to-morrow, as I was anxious first to ascertain by every possible means who are the ringleaders, and how they can best be identified.

Major Maitland had taken almost all their ammunition from them, leaving them their arms, but the men really appear to put little value on having the latter in their possession, and I think I may safely say that there is no likelihood of any collision.

Having most carefully weighed the instruction given me, and being of opinion at present that the officers have been wanting in their duty, I trust you will approve of what I have done. To-morrow I shall again furnish detailed information.

I have, &c.

Berhampore, 25 June 1859. *K. Mackenzie*, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Duplicates sent to Commander in Chief and Major General Hearsey, K. C. B.

Enclosure 8, in No. 18.

(No. 2.)

Encl. 8, in No. 18.

To Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Sir, Berhampore, 26 June 1859.

YESTERDAY I had the honour of forwarding to you a report of my primary proceedings at Berhampore.

I, this day, paraded the entire garrison, and called upon the disaffected men to turn out, which they accordingly did, and having read and explained minutely General Order No. 883 and 884 of 1859, the whole of the men with the exception of (39) thirty-nine listened to reason, and joined their companies willingly as soldiers. Those who did not, I immediately made prisoners of, seizing the ringleader, Lance Serjeant Best, and confining him in the cells.

A Court of Inquiry was instantly assembled, and the men are now being brought before it individually, and allowed to state unreservedly the grounds of their claims, and I have little doubt that now that the principal ringleader is separated from those, the remainder will listen to reason, though I shall of course include them in a different category from those who at once willingly resumed their duty as soldiers.

The manner of the men is now totally changed from what I found it on my arrival, and I honestly believe that they have not had fair play from their officers. I assured them I would not leave Berhampore for a minute until the whole investigation had been concluded, and that they were to look upon me as their commanding officer, which two assertions I think I may say, inspired them with a confidence in their superiors which they evidently had not before.

I have &c.

Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 9, in No. 18.

(No. 3.)

Encl. 9, in No. 18.

To Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

IN continuation of former correspondence, I have the honour to report that matters proceed here satisfactorily, but I find that I have difficulties to contend with, which require much caution and consideration. Firstly, the officers feel intensely the position I have been placed in, but having assembled them to-day, I fully stated my views, and all are most ready to attend to my orders and suggestions, still their ideas about discipline, and the treatment of European soldiers are perfectly different from mine, and they do not deal with soldiers in a satisfactory manner; arising mainly from want of experience. Secondly, I assembled the serjeants, they appear a soldier-like intelligent body of men, particularly Serjeant Major Mooty, and Drill Serjeant Barry; they state that they are perfectly willing to serve Her Majesty, but think they should receive the same pay and batta as the non-commissioned officers of Her Majesty's British forces. Thirdly, I have devoted the greater part of the day to inspecting the defaulters' books which show that the punishments in almost every instance are quite inadequate to the crimes, and this circumstance alone prevents me in a great measure from suddenly ordering punishments to defaulters, who hitherto have really not been punished. A few instances will sufficiently show the nature of the punishments.

Private John Gathercote.—"Asleep on his post when sentry." Forgiven.

Corporal J. Hunt.—"Theft in bazaar." Removed from provost.

Corporal Harty.—"Three times drunk on duty within four months." On each occasion forgiven.

Private John M'Conaly.—"Drunk on picket." Two days confined to barracks.

Serjeant John Cunningham.—"Drunk on guard." Warned that he will be tried next time.

In fact the most grave crimes have generally met with reprimands or a few days' drill, and extra guards (which I have always considered a forbidden punishment) have been ordered in very many instances.

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The Court of Inquiry consists of Captain Elliott Her Majesty's 99th Regiment, President; Captain Honourable Addington, R. A., and Captain Stuart, Her Majesty's 3d Regiment, Buffs, Members, who devote their entire time to this duty.

Those men who are still in a state of disaffection, I have confined in a separate portion of the barracks; they have expressed a wish to return to their duty, and I shall be enabled in my next report to state what course I have adopted with regard to them, being most anxious to do nothing that may require undoing hereafter, but owing to the complete disorganization of the regiment, much caution and forethought is indispensable, as I have the responsibility of bringing not only the men of the corps into a state of dicipline, but endeavouring to make the officers fully understand what is required of them.

I am, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie,
Berhampore, 27 June 1859. Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 10, in No. 18.

(No. 4.)

To Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C. B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 10, in No. 18.

Sir, Berhampore, 28 June 1859.

I HAVE again the honour to furnish account of proceedings at Berhampore.

In letter, No. 2, of 26th instant, I stated that the 39 men who did not at once return to duty as soldiers had been made prisoners, and the ringleader, Lance Serjeant Best, confined alone.

Very shortly after Best had been separated from them, all intimated that they wished to resume their duty, clearly showing that I had secured the ringleader. This I took no notice of at the time, but on the following day (27th) visited the prisoners, partly for the purpose of having them removed to a more convenient place, but mainly to satisfy myself, as far as possible (without asking questions), what their real feelings were.

At an early hour this morning I had them paraded, when all unhesitatingly said, they wished to return to duty. Accordingly they were permitted to join their companies, but with the distinct understanding that for the present they are to parade without arms, and will not be allowed to appear before the Court of Inquiry till the other men have.

I have been here four days, and trust it will appear evident that the 5th European Regiment is in a very different state now from what it was on my arrival.

My entire thoughts and time have been and will be devoted to endeavour to carry out the instructions and wishes of Government.

Enclosed are copies of three defaulters' sheets, which, along with extracts in my letter of yesterday, will show how crime has been dealt with in this corps.

I have, &c.
K. D. Mackenzie, Lieut. Col.,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 11, in No. 18.

TROOP AND COMPANY DEFAULTERS' BOOK.

Regimental Number and Name.—184. *Jeremiah Driscoll.* Enlisted 10 July 1858. Joined 16 January 1859.

Date of Offence.	OFFENCE.	By whom Reported, and Names of Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	By whom Ordered.	REMARKS.
29 Jan. - 1859	Drunk, and fighting in barracks, after hours.	Serjeant Jarvis -	Forgiven - - -	Commanding officer.	
10 April 1859	Being asleep on his post - -	Serjeant M'Donald -	Four extra guards -	Commanding officer.	
15 May - 1859	Absent from picket without leave	Corporal Evans -	Four extra pickets -	Commanding officer.	

Enclosure 12, in No. 18.

Troop and Company Defaulters' Book.

Regimental Number and Name.—115. *Patrick Kennedy.* Enlisted 15 June 1858. Joined 7 December 1858.

Date of Offence.	OFFENCE.	By whom Reported, and Names of Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	By whom Ordered.	REMARKS.
13 March 1859	Disrespect to Captain Hayes -	Corporal Hayes -	Forgiven - - -	Commanding officer.	
16 March 1859	Drunk, when sentry on canteen guard.	Corporal Atherton -	Four extra guards -	Commanding officer.	
19 May - 1859	For saying it was he who spoke to the orderly officer, and that he would go to guard instead of Hill.	Serjeant Morrison -	"Let go" - -	Commanding officer.	

Enclosure 13, in No. 18.

Troop and Company Defaulter's Book.

Regimental Number and Name.—88. *Samuel Emery.* Enlisted 9 June 1858. Joined 7 December 1859.

Date of Offence.	OFFENCE.	By whom Reported, and Names of Witnesses.	Punishment Awarded.	By whom Ordered.	REMARKS.
4 March 1859	Drawing his bayonet, and attempting to stab Private Connars when on quarter guard.	Serjeant Harward -	Forgiven - - -	Commanding officer.	
9 May - 1859	Losing cap No., and being dirty when parading to receive pay.	C. Serjeant M'Kenzie	Three days' extra drill	Lieut. Rogers, commanding company.	
11 May - 1859	Inattention to Corporal Evans' orders at mess table.	Corporal Morrison -	Forgiven - -	Lieut. Rogers, commanding company.	
11 May - 1859	Insolence and disobedience of orders.	C. Serjeant M'Kenzie	Six days' pack drill -	Commanding officer.	
9 June - 1859	Absent, 11 o'clock drill - -	C. Serjeant M'Kenzie	Six days' pack drill -	Commanding officer.	

Enclosure 14, in No. 18.

(No. 1341.)

Encl. 14, in No. 18. From the Secretary to the Government of India, to Lieut. Colonel *Kenneth Machenzie*, C.B., Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir, 30 June 1859.

Military Department.

Having laid before the Government your letters from Berhampore, Nos. 1 to 4, dated consecutively from the 25th to the 28th instant, I am directed to acquaint you that his Excellency the Governor General in Council is entirely satisfied with your proceedings with regard to the 5th European Regiment; and while conveying to you his acknowledgments for the judgment and temper with which you have commenced to deal with the men, his Excellency in Council instructs me to assure you that he places the fullest reliance on your carrying to completion the duty imposed upon you, with the same discretion and ability which you have already shown.

I am, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
30 June 1859.

Enclosure 15, in No. 18.

(No. 1991.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 15, in No. 18.

From Simla.—From the Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

27 June, 9 a.m.—INSTRUCTIONS have been sent to divisions to confine men guilty of isconduct, but to await further orders, that is, till the Commander in Chief is aware of ıe publication of Government Orders. When Government orders arrive, instructions will ɔ sent for the trial of men guilty of insubordination. The time of doing to be left to e discretion of officers commanding stations, under the orders of officers commanding the ivision.

Enclosure 16, in No. 18.

To Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division. Encl. 16, in No. 18.

Sir,

IN reply to your office letter, No. 123, dated the 20th instant, with enclosures as per margin *—

1. I have the honour to report, for the information of Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the Division, that the disloyal men of the 5th European Regiment have unreservedly and distinctly stated that they will not return to their duty until the question of bounty or discharge is finally settled.

2. I beg leave to enclose a statement of facts recorded concerning the present disaffected state of the 5th European Regiment, attested by the commanding officer and officers of companies, which I trust will answer the requirements of the confidential memorandum.

3. I have the honour also to add, that since the refusal of the men of the regiment to take further duty, their behaviour has been very respectful, and they have created no disturbance in the bazaar or barracks.

4. I humbly submit aid be granted the station of Berhampore, that the loyal soldiers may not become disaffected by continued double duty.

I have, &c.
W. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 24 June 1859.

Forwarded for submission to his Excellency the Governor General of India, by his Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

J. B. Hearsey, Major. General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Barrackpore, 27 June 1859.

Enclosure 17, in No. 18.

STATEMENT of Occurrences in Her Majesty's 5th European Regiment. Encl. 17, in No. 18.

ON the 16th June 1859, hearing that there was some excitement amongst the men on the transfer question, and that they intended to mutiny that evening, owing to a letter having been received from Hazareebaugh, and from some conversations held with some deserters, who were in the station, I directed, under plea of arrangements about "musketry instruction," that the ammunition in pouch should be returned into store.

In the afternoon, hearing that there was some demur on part of some of the men to give up their ammunition, I proceeded with my officers to the barracks; we went to the right wing barrack first, and found that the greater portion of the men had given up their ammunition; those who had not done so, gave it up on receiving the order to do so.

While

* Letter from Military Secretary to Government of India, dated 19th current; also a confidential memorandum from the Chief of the Staff with his Excellency the Commander in Chief.

While in the right wing barrack, the men of the left wing came over in a body, armed and accoutred, and drew up in the verandah; many of the men of the right wing then joined them.

On demanding the cause of their turning out, and their complaints, several came forward and said, "being enlisted for the East India Company, they demanded their discharge, as the Company was extinct;" the others signified the same, saying, "they were all of one mind."

I directed them to select a man from each company, to appear at the orderly room the next morning, when I would take down their statements, and forward them to Government; they appeared satisfied, and proceeded by companies to their respective barracks, several men still retaining their ammunition.

One man, private Marshall, came up to me, and inquired if I had received a petition which was forwarded to me by post; I had not received it, and told him so; it would appear that this petition was about the bounty, and signed by about two hundred and fifty men.

This is the same man who about two months ago addressed Sir John Hearsey, K.C.B.; he is a transfer from the 2d Fusiliers, and is the ringleader of the disaffected; and although appearing sane, many of his acts are those of a madman; his conduct throughout has been most mutinous.

The greater portion of the men of the left wing gave up their ammunition to the officers commanding companies, some of whom took down their statements, which I have the honour to enclose.

I reported the matter immediately to Colonel Lennox, commanding the station, who directed a parade of the regiment at sunrise the next morning, when 41 men only turned out; the remainder refused to turn out, or to do any duty, excepting a small portion of them, enlisted in Her Majesty's name, and the transfers from the 2d Fusiliers.

The greater portion of the men remained respectful until yesterday, when they ceased entirely to salute their officers; they are supplied with rations and water, but no pay or liquor is allowed to them.

At the orderly room the next day I refused to hear their statements, as they had refused to obey orders.

On the prisoners returning from the orderly room to the guard, a large number of the men turned out, headed by private Marshall, and rescued two of them from the escort.

About two hours after this, a very large number, armed and accoutred, and again headed by private Marshall, marched up to the guard to release the prisoners; this they did not succeed in doing, as the prisoners refused to be released, and the guard stood firm; they then withdrew, calling upon the prisoners to break out.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiment.

Enclosure 18, in No. 18.

Encl. 18, in No. 18.

To the Adjutant, 5th European Regiment.

Sir,

AGREEABLY to instructions issued this morning, I have the honour to report, for the information of the commanding officer, that after inquiry, the men of No. 1 Company, who have refused to do any more duty, one and all unanimously, on account of transfer, claim "either re-enlistment with extra bounty, or a free discharge, they being servants of the late Honourable East India Company's service and not of Her Majesty's."

I have, &c.
H. M. Burlton, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 1 Company.

Berhampore, 25 June 1859.

Enclosure 19, in No. 18.

Encl. 19, in No. 18.

To Lieutenant *L. B. J. Davies*, Adjutant 5th European Regiment.

Sir,

IN answer to your memorandum of this morning, I have the honour to state, for the information of the commanding officer, that as far as I am able to learn, the mutinous portion of No. 2 Company, consisting of 1 lance serjeant, 2 lance corporals, and 21 privates, complain, that as they were enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, they should, on transfer to Her Majesty's Government, either obtain their discharge or a fresh bounty.

I have, &c.
T. V. H. Sperling, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 2 Company,
5th European Regiment.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 20, in No. 18.

THE mutinous portion of No. 3 Company, 5th European Bengal Regiment, consisting of 1 lance corporal, 3 drummers, 20 privates, complain that they enlisted to serve the East India Company alone; that they have been transferred to the service of Her Majesty without being consulted on the subject, and they consider that on the East India Company ceasing to exist, they were entitled to a fresh bounty, or the option of their discharge. Encl. 20, in No. 18.

W. S. Oliphant, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 3 Company,
5th European Bengal Regiment.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 21, in No. 18.

THE disloyal men of the 4th Company, 5th European Regiment, are 1 corporal, 2 lance corporals, 1 drummer, and 16 privates. Encl. 21, in No. 18.

They have refused to do duty on account of having been transferred from the Company's service to that of Her Majesty, without their wishes being consulted, and they claim the option of discharge, or bounty on re-enlistment.

M. J. Slater, Captain,
Commanding 4th Company,
5th European Regiment.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 22, in No. 18.

THE disloyal portion of No. 5 Company, 5th European Regiment, numbering 28 men, among whom are two corporals and one lance corporal, complain that they were transferred from the service of the late East India Company to that of Her Majesty, without bounty, and without being consulted, and therefore claim their discharge. These men have positively refused to perform any more duty. Encl. 22, in No. 18.

A. B. Fenwick, Captain,
Commanding No. 5 Company,
5th European Regiment.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 23, in No. 18.

CAUSE of Grievances of the Men of No. 6 Company, 5th European Regiment. Encl. 23, in No. 18.

THE men of this Company (with the exception of nine, one of whom enlisted for the Honourable Company's service) complain, that as they, in the first instance, enlisted for the Company's service, they do not now intend to serve the Queen, but wish for their discharge.

G. F. Graham, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 6 Company.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 24, in No. 18.

To Lieutenant *L. Byron J. Davis*, Adjutant, Her Majesty's 5th European Bengal Regiment. Encl. 24, in No. 18.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to state, from what I have heard, that the disaffected portion of No. 7 Company, Her Majesty's 5th European Bengal Regiment, seem to think, that when the army of the late Honourable East India Company was transferred to Her Majesty's service, they were entitled to be re-sworn and receive a fresh bounty, or else to receive their discharge.

I have, &c.
J. B. Smith, Lieutenant,
In charge of No. 7 Company,
Her Majesty's 5th European Bengal Regiment.

Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

Enclosure 25, in No. 18.

Encl. 25, in No. 18.

Sir, Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

In reply to your office memorandum of this date, I have the honour to forward, for the information of the commanding officer, a statement of grievances preferred by the mutinous portion of No. 8 Company. They state, "We were enlisted for the terms of 10 years, or 12 years if required, for the East India Company; and now that we have to serve the Queen we wish for a fresh bounty or free discharge."

I have, &c.
W. H. Buttanshaw, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 8 Company.
5th European Regiment.

The Adjutant, 5th European Regiment.

Enclosure 26, in No. 18.

Encl. 26, in No. 18.

Sir, Berhampore, 23 June 1859.

With reference to Adjutant's memorandum of this date, I ordered the Company No. 9, 5th Bengal European Regiment, which I command, to parade, so that the men might individually state their grievances; they declined obeying my orders, and said they would not parade. These 25 men who disobeyed my orders have, since the 17th June 1859, been in a state of insubordination; but, from what a few men stated to-day (17th June 1859), they mutinied, it appears they consider that they are either entitled to bounty or discharge on being made over to Her Majesty's service.

It is with pleasure I record the conduct of the under-mentioned, who were also enlisted to serve the late East India Company, but who have done their duties as honourable soldiers. They, in common with the rest, respectfully beg to state, that they consider themselves entitled to fresh bounty or discharge on being made over to Her Majesty's army.

Colour-serjeant Shrubsole,
Serjeant Westley,
„ Black,
Lance-serjeant Corporal Sharkey,
Corporal Stone,
„ Lee,

Corporal Brown,
Drummer Jillispie,
Private Jolley,
„ Williams,
„ Cash,
„ Boylon.

N. B.—Three men in hospital.

Charles Græme, Captain,
Commanding No. 9 Company,
5th European Regiment.

Enclosure 27, in No. 18.

Encl. 27, in No. 18.

To the Adjutant, 5th European Regiment, Berhampore.

Sir,

For the information of the commanding officer I have the honour to report, that the men of my company who mutinied on the 16th instant, and have since then steadily refused to perform their duty on being ordered by me, through the colour-serjeant of the company, to parade in the centre barrack at 10 o'clock, a. m., to make known their grievances, and enable me to report the same, positively refused to do so, stating that they would make their complaints to the Major General commanding the Presidency Division, and to no one else.

2. The remaining portion of my company who have stood firm and taken no part in the proceedings of the others were paraded at 10 a. m., when the following complaints were made:—

Colour-serjeant D. Klewall, transferred from the 2d Bengal Fusiliers, considers himself aggrieved in having been transferred from the late Company's service without being allowed a voice in the matter, or consulted in any way.

Serjeant Johnson, pay-serjeant, makes the same complaint.

Serjeant Mare considers himself entitled to fresh bounty.

Serjeant Koin makes no complaint.

Private Joseph Winter makes no complaint.

I have, &c.
C. P. Hunter, Lieutenant,
Commanding No. 10 Company.
5th European Regiment.

Enclosure 28, in No 18.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS of the Court of Inquiry held at Meerut. Encl. 28, in No. 18.

SEVENTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Saturday*, 28 *May* 1859.

THE Court assembles pursuant to adjournment at the Mess House of the 2d European Light Cavalry. All present as at last meeting.

The Court directs the following papers to be attached to the proceedings, with the view to their being easily available for reference if required.

The duplicate of attestation of a soldier of the Artillery, Her Majesty's Indian military forces, who enlisted and was properly attested for the same after the Transfer Act came into operation (Appendix O.) Appendix (O.)

A copy of Clause 56 of the Transfer Act (Appendix P.) Appendix (P.)

A copy of the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act for 1858, pp. 182-3 (Appendix Q.) Appendix (Q.)

The Court now proceeds to inquire into the complaints of the A. Troop of the 2d Bengal European Light Cavalry.

Corporal *J. Gordon* (a native of Belfast, a shoemaker, attested at Belfast on the 9th November 1857) is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 243d Complainant, Corporal J. Gordon.

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* Well, sir, when I listed at Belfast I listed for the East India Company's Cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I understand now, sir, that the Company is defunct, and that my contract with them is void.

And what is it you want?—To be attested over again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember the oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember that oath, the first part; I took the oath of allegiance. I took the last part, and have obeyed it all along.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *R. Abbott* (a native of Preston, a thread-winder, attested at Blackburn on the 17th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 244th Complainant, Private Abbott.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, to serve for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's gone over to the Queen, I consider myself a free man unless I'm attested over again, or get a free discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Which is it that you'd like to have?—I'd like to have my discharge, and go and work at the mill again for my living, as the country has never agreed with me since I came into it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took the oath to serve the East India Company, and I took the oath of allegiance too for the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *E. Amey* (a native of Fulham, a marble polisher, attested in London on the 6th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 245th Complainant, Private E. Amey.

What's your complaint?—If I was sent to my brother's regiment, the 14th Light Dragoons, I should be quite satisfied.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you know what oath you took when attested (*complainant says he's no scholar*)?—To serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir, nothing else. [Withdraws.

Private *G. Aston* (a native of Wolverhampton, a grinder, attested at Wolverhampton on the 26th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 246th Complainant, Private G. Aston.

What's your complaint?—I am willing, sir, to serve what I enlisted for, the Honourable East India Company; I was sworn in to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

And what is it you wish now?—If I am turned over to the Queen, I should wish to have a fresh enlistment, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Not that I am aware of, sir.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

247th Complainant, Private R. Avins.

Private *R. Avins* (a native of Marylebone, a house painter, attested at Westminster on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I agreed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I am willing to complete that time, provided the Company do require me.

Don't you know that the Company's army in which you enlisted was transferred to the service of Her Majesty by Act of Parliament?—Yes, sir, I knew it on the 2d of this month, when it was read out on parade, but I was not aware of it before.

You are aware now that you are serving under Her Majesty, and that all your privileges of pay and pension, &c., that you enjoyed under the Company have been secured to you by that Act of Parliament?—Yes, sir, I am aware of that.

Has there been any difference since the transfer, or do you expect any difference?—No, sir, the treatment has been just the same, but I should like to get a fresh enlistment or discharge.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—My discharge, sir, but I might alter my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, but not the first part, in those express words. When I was sworn before Mr. Bingham, the magistrate at Marlborough-street, I asked the clerk what was meant by bearing true allegiance to her Majesty, as I had been in Her Majesty's service before, in the Land Transport Train; and he said that it meant that I was to own I was the Queen's subject, and that I was to do duty for Her as such in case of necessity; and I am willing to do duty as such now in case it's required.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir, nothing further.

[Withdraws.

248th Complainant, Private J. Airlie.

Private *J. Airlie* (a native of Glasgow, a moulder, attested at Glasgow on the 4th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, as the Company's turned over to the Queen, I should like to have a fresh bounty, or be re-attested.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; nothing about Her Majesty that I know of in the oath.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

249th Complainant, Private Alleybrook.

Private *E. Alleybrook* (a native of Derby, a labourer, attested at Nottingham on the 28th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I enlisted to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14. I took the oath for it, sir, and don't wish to break it.

And how do you think you will be breaking your oath?—I am willing to serve the Queen upon conditions.

And what are the conditions you would like?—To get a fresh bounty and be re-attested over again.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take the first part of the oath about Her Majesty. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath I took. I took the last part of the oath about the Company, I believe.

You never took an oath not to serve Her Majesty, did you?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

250th Complainant, Private M. Burke.

Private *M. Burke* (a native of Galway, a labourer, attested at Tipperary on the 10th November 1857, is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years or 14 if required, and if I'm to be turned over to the Queen I would like to get a fresh attestment or bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 years if required, but I don't remember about an oath at all.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private

Private *C. Bullock* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the 25th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 251st Complainant, Private C. Bullock.

What's your complaint?—When I listed, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is transferred to the Crown, I should like to get a bounty or a free discharge.

Which would you take if you had your choice?—My discharge, sir, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant; complainant can read only a little*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—I don't think so; I don't remember it.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Beale* (a native of Kenilworth, a wheelwright, attested at Coventry on the 1st July 1858), is called in court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 252d Complainant, Private J. Beale.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, when I listed to serve the East India Company, I listed to serve the said Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company is given over to the Queen, I wish to be attested over again.

And would you be quite satisfied if you were attested over again?—Yes, sir; I should expect a bounty with it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182, 183 *is here shown to complainant*)?—Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors were not mentioned at all in my attestation, and I never took the oath for it. I think I took that part about the Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *T. Cameron* (a native of Dundee, a weaver, attested at Dundee on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 253d Complainant, Private T. Cameron.

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I believe the East India Company is turned over, and I think I am entitled to fresh bounty and to be re-enlisted.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Yes, sir, not to swear any bad language to the Queen or any of the Royal family.

Nothing at all about obeying Her Majesty, Her generals, and officers?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Casey* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 254th Complainant, Private J. Casey.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and as the Company is given over to the Queen I want to be attested over again or a free discharge.

Which of the two would you like to get?—To be attested over again, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I was sworn to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—Yes, sir, not to use any vile language against Her Majesty or any of the Royal family.

Nothing about obeying Her Majesty, Her generals and officers?—No, sir, not that I have any remembrance of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Costello* (a native of Dublin, a grocer, attested in Dublin on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 255th Complainant, Private J. Costello.

What's your complaint?—I haven't the least objection to soldiering at all, and I don't care much about going home, but if there was any little recompense going I should like to get it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

256th Complainant, Private J. Coleman.

Private *J. Coleman* (a native of Roscommon, a tailor, attested at Liverpool on the 5th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years for the Company's cavalry, and now the Company's overturned to the Government, I think I am entitled to a fresh bounty or my discharge.

Which of those two would you choose if you had the choice?—Well, sir, in fact the country doesn't agree with me, and I'd rather have my discharge, but I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took (*complainant can not read*)?—Yes, sir, I was sworn in to serve the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Not to my recollection, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

257th Complainant, Private J. Calshaw.

Private *J Calshaw* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I have no grievance to make further than I wish for a fresh bounty or re-enlistment.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14, should the said Company so long require my services.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, no further than to bear true allegiance to her.

Anything about serving and obeying Her Majesty, Her generals and officers?—No, sir.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

APPENDIX.

Appendix (A.)

(No. 526.)

Sir, Divisional Office, Meerut, 9 May 1859.

I am instructed by Major General Bradford, C. B., to request that the attention of the Court of Inquiry, of which you are President, convened in conformity with General Orders by the Commander in Chief, dated Head Quarters, Kussowlie, 5th May 1859, may be especially directed to the 5th paragraph of the above quoted order, and in furtherance thereof to desire that each man appearing before the court may have it carefully and fully explained to him that the court is one of inquiry, and not one of trial; that provided a man speaks respectfully and in a proper manner, what he says will not be brought up against him at any future period, but will be recorded for the information of the Commander in Chief, the Governor General, and the Government at home; that the court is assembled for this very purpose, and that the Commander in Chief wants to know what the men have to say, and that unless they take advantage of this opportunity and speak out, it will be impossible for the authorities to come to a right understanding of what is working in their minds.

The Major General begs you will impress on the court the urgent necessity which exists for carrying out the orders of the Commander in Chief in the most careful and patient manner.

I have, &c.
(signed) *G. Simeon*, Captain,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.

To Brigadier R. Horsford,
President, Special Court of Inquiry, Meerut.

DIVISION ORDERS, *Meerut*, Saturday, 7th May 1859.

The following General Order by the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, dated Head Quarters, Kussowlie, 5th May 1859, is published for general information and guidance:

Orders by the Commander in Chief.

MEMORANDUM by the Chief of the Staff for the Guidance of Major General Bradford, C. B., &c. &c., Commanding the Forces, Meerut Division.

Head Quarters, Kussowlie, 5 May 1859.

The following Order will be published at Meerut in Division Orders:

The Commander in Chief has received a full report of the disquiet that has lately pervaded the minds of some of the men belonging to the Bengal Artillery and the 2d European Cavalry, at Meerut.

No. 2. His Excellency is happy to observe that the demeanor of the men towards their officers has been properly respectful.

No. 3. If a soldier has a complaint to make, or considers himself in any manner aggrieved, it is his right to make a proper and respectful representation through the usual channels to superior authority, and to ask for redress. But when this representation has been made, the soldier must be at his duty, and he must wait with due deference, patience, and obedience, for the ultimate decision.

No. 4. The Commander in Chief desires that the soldiers of the Bengal Artillery and 2d Light Cavalry, who have lately been struck off duty, may return to their duty.

No. 5. The Major General commanding the division is directed to convene a "Special Court of Inquiry" for the purpose of hearing what every man has to say. The evidence taken will be the fullest possible.

Each man in the two regiments will be called upon to state whether he has any grievance, and if so, what that grievance is, and what are the grounds of it. It is only by such means that the Commander in Chief can arrive at the real merits of the case, as considered by the men, and in this manner the assurance will be conveyed to them that every man's sentiments will become known to the highest authority, and that due consideration will be given to them.

No. 6. With regard to the question at issue, viz. the transfer to the Crown of the late Company's army, which has caused the recent excitement, the men will perceive that it affects them in common with their officers, and all the services of the country, including the Civil Service. There is no distinction drawn between any ranks, and they are called on alike to obey an Act of Parliament. But if any party feels himself aggrieved by an Act of Parliament, he is at liberty to petition respectfully against it. It is on this ground that his Excellency has ordered the Court of Inquiry, viz., to enable the men, who consider themselves aggrieved by the late Act, to give expression to their own views, or, in other words, to petition, in a soldier-like and regular manner, which they understand themselves, against what they consider to be a hardship.

No. 7. The Court of Inquiry will assemble, composed as follows, immediately after the arrival of the Judge Advocate General at Meerut:

President—Brigadier Horsford, Bengal Artillery.

Members: Colonel Huyshe, Bengal Artillery; Colonel Radcliffe, H. M. 75th Foot; Colonel Young. The Judge Advocate General of the Army, will conduct the Proceedings.

No. 8. The above order will be entered in the regimental and company orderly books of all the European corps at Meerut.

W. R. Mansfield, Major General,
Chief of the Staff.

DIVISION ORDERS, *Meerut*, Sunday, 8th May.

No. 226.—The Judge Advocate General of the Army having intimated his arrival to conduct the proceedings of the special Court of Inquiry convened in General Orders by the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, published in Division Order No. 225, of yesterday's date, the Court will assemble to-morrow, at 11 p. m., at the Bengal Artillery mess-house, for the purpose set forth in the above quoted General Order.

(True extract.)

G. Simeon, Captain,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.

APPENDIX (B.)

Nominal Roll of Men belonging to the 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery.—(Not Printed.)

APPENDIX (C.)

Duplicate.

ATTESTATIONS FOR REGIMENTS.

QUESTIONS. To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	ANSWERS. To be sworn to by the Recruit.
1. What is your name?	Edward Winther.
2. In what parish, and in or near what town, and in what county were you born?	In the parish of Dover, in or near the town of Dover, in the county of Kent.
3. What is your age?	20 years.
4. What is your trade or calling?	A baker.
5. Are you an apprentice?	No.
6. Are you married?	No.
7. Are you ruptured or lame; have you ever been subject to fits, or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs, or unfits you for ordinary labour?	No.
8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the East India Company's Artillery for the term of* 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?	I am.

* *This blank to be filled up by the justices, with 10 years for Infantry and 12 years for Artillery, if the person enlisted is of the age of 18 years, or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and 18 is to be added to such 10 or 12 years, as the case may be.*

9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom, were you enlisted? †	At Westminster, on the 9th day of October 1855, at three o'clock p.m., by Serjeant George Perkins.

† The recruit cannot be attested sooner than 24 hours, nor later than four days after his enlistment, and every recruit must be attested by a justice or other magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any justice or other magistrate acting for the division, district, or place where such recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an officer in the army.—*See the Mutiny Act.*

10. For what bounty did you enlist?	£. 8.
11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your enlistment?	None.
12. Do you now belong to the Militia, or to the Naval Coast Volunteers? ‡	No.

‡ The justice is directed, in putting the 12th Question to the recruit, and before he receives his answer, distinctly to apprise the recruit, that if he belongs to the Militia and denies the fact, he is liable to forfeit 1*d.* a day of his pay for 18 months, if attested, and to 14 days' imprisonment if he is not attested; and if he belongs to the Naval Coast Volunteers, he is liable under the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 73, to imprisonment for six months, and his enlistment will be null and void.

13. Do you belong to any other regiment, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or to the forces of the East India Company?	No.
14. Have you ever served in the Army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the forces of the East India Company? §	No.

§ If so, the recruit is to state the particulars of his former service, and the cause of his discharge, and is to produce the certificate of his discharge, if he has it with him.

15. Have

15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service, or for the service of the East India Company, upon any prior enlistment? * - } No.

* If a recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and vagabond.—*See the Mutiny Act.*

Middlesex, to wit. } I, J. Hardwick, Esq., one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said county, do hereby certify that in my presence all the foregoing questions were put to the recruit Edward Winther; that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th Articles of the Articles of War were read over to him; that he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; that he received the sum of 5*s.* on being attested this day; that he was not attested until 24 hours had elapsed after he had received enlisting money; that Westminster, the place where he swears that he enlisted, is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I act; and that I am not an officer of the army; and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate, signed with my name. †

J. Hardwick.
(Signature of the Magistrate.)

Description of Edward Winther.—Age, apparently 20 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; complexion, fresh; eyes, hazel; hair, dark brown.

† The duplicate given to the recruit should be an exact counterpart of the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate in the attestation.

Appendix (D.)

Horse Artillery,

Table showing the Increase and Difference of Pay of Old and New Rates.

RANK.	PRESENT RATE.	OLD RATE.	DIFFERENCE.
Serjeant-major - - - - - -	58 11 3	50 15 10	7 11 5
Quartermaster serjeant - - - -	51 3 11	44 15 10	6 4 1
Serjeant - - - - - - - -	37 4 4	28 15 4	8 5 –
Corporal - - - - - - - -	29 13 1	22 15 –	6 14 1
Bombardier - - - - - - -	27 5 4	20 15 –	6 6 4
Trumpeter, full pay - - - - -	26 6 5	21 2 8	5 3 9
Ditto - half pay - - - - -	16 7 4	10 9 4	5 14 –
Gunner - - - - - - - -	16 7 4	14 6 8	2 – 8

Foot Artillery.

Table showing the Increase and Difference of Pay of Old and New Rates.

RANK.	PRESENT RATE.	OLD RATE.	DIFFERENCE.
Serjeant-major - - - - - -	56 3 6	48 7 10	7 11 8
Quartermaster serjeant - - - -	48 12 2	42 7 10	6 4 4
Serjeant - - - - - - - -	34 12 7	26 7 4	8 5 3
Corporal - - - - - - - -	27 5 4	21 15 –	5 6 4
Bombardier - - - - - - -	24 13 7	19 15 –	4 14 7
Gunner - - - - - - - -	13 15 7	13 12 6	– 3 1

Appendix (E.)

A.

Attestations for Regiments.

Questions. To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	Answers. To be sworn to by the Recruit.
1. What is your name? - - - - - -	
2. In what parish, and in or near what town, and in what county, were you born? - - -	In the parish of in or near the town of in the county of
3. What is your age? - - - - - -	years. months.
4. What is your trade or calling? - - - -	
5. Are you an apprentice? - - - - -	
6. Are you married? - - - - - -	
7. Are you ruptured or lame; have you ever been subject to fits; or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs, or unfits you for ordinary labour? -	
8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Artillery of Her Majesty's Indian military forces for the term of * years, provided Her Majesty should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station? -	

* This blank to be filled up by the justices with 10 years for infantry, and 12 years for artillery, if the person enlisted is of the age of 18 years or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and 18 is to be added to such 10 or 12 years, as the case may be.

9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom were you enlisted? † - -	At on the day of 18 at o'clock M. by
10. For what bounty did you enlist? - - -	
11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your enlistment? - - - - -	
12. Do you now belong to the Militia? ‡ - - -	
13. Do you belong to any other regiment, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy? - - -	
14. Have you ever served in the Army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the Forces of the East India Company? § - - - -	
15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's service, or for the service of the East India Company, upon any prior enlistment? ‖	

† The recruit cannot be attested sooner than 24 hours, nor later than four days after his enlistment, and every recruit must be attested by a justice or other magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any justice or other magistrate acting for the division, district, or place where such recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an officer in the army. —*55th Clause of the Mutiny Act.*

‡ The magistrate is directed, in putting the 12th question to the recruit, and before he receives his answer, distinctly to apprise the recruit, that if he belongs to the Militia and denies the fact, he is liable to six months' imprisonment.—*57th Clause of the Mutiny Act.*

§ If so, the recruit is to state the particulars of his former service, and the cause of his discharge, and is to produce the certificate of his discharge, if he has it with him.

‖ If a recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and vagabond.—*57th Clause of the Mutiny Act.*

I, , do make oath that the above questions have been separately put to me; that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave, and are true.

I do also make oath, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her

Her heirs and successors; and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors in person, crown, and dignity against all enemies; and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me.

So help me God.

Witness my hand.

Sworn before me at
at o'clock M.
this day of
One thousand eight hundred and

Signature of the magistrate,

Signature of the recruit.

Witness present.

ARTICLES OF WAR.

Fortieth and Forty-sixth Articles of the second Section.

40th. Any officer or soldier who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any mutiny or sedition in any of our land or marine forces, or in any party, post, detachment or guard, on any pretence whatever; or who, being present at any mutiny or sedition, shall not use his utmost endeavour to suppress the same; or who, coming to the knowledge of any mutiny or intended mutiny, shall not, without delay, give information thereof to his commanding officer; or,

46th. Who shall desert from our service (whether or not he shall re-enlist in the same), shall suffer death, or such other punishment as by a general court martial shall be awarded.

Certificate of Attesting Justice.

to wit. } I, , one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace do hereby certify, that in my presence all the foregoing questions were put to the recruit ; that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th Articles of the 2d section of the Articles of War were read over to him; that he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; that he received the sum of on being attested this day; that he was not attested until 24 hours had elapsed after he had received enlistment money; that the place where he swears that he enlisted is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I act, and that I am not an officer of the army; and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate, signed with my name.*

Signature of the Magistrate.

Description of ; age, apparently ; height feet inches; complexion ; eyes ; hair ; any distinctive mark .

* The duplicate given to the recruit should be an exact counterpart of the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate in the attestation.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES.

On Enlistment.

I have examined the above-named recruit, and find that he has no rupture nor mark of an old wound or ulcer adhering to the bone; he is free from varicose veins of the legs, and has the full power of motion of the joints and limbs; he is well formed, and has no scrofulous affection of the glands, scald head, or other inveterate cutaneous eruptions; and he is free from any trace of corporal punishment, and not marked as a deserter with the letter D; his respiration is easy, and his lungs appear to be sound; he has the perfect use of his eyes and ears; his general appearance is healthy, and he possesses strength sufficient to enable him to undergo the fatigue to which soldiers are liable. I consider him fit for Her Majesty's service. He has the following particular marks or scars:

Dated at this day of 18

Signature of Surgeon

On Intermediate Approval.

Re-examined by me at on the day of 18 , and I consider him for service.

, Surgeon.

On Final Approval.

Confirmed , Surgeon to Regiment.

Certificate of Commanding Officer.

having been finally approved, I have caused his name, age, date of attestation, and every prescribed particular to be recorded in the regimental register, with the No. affixed to his name; and I certify that I am satisfied with the correctness of this attestation, and that the forms required by the Mutiny Act appear to have been complied with.

Date

{Signature of Officer commanding.

No

RECORD OF SERVICE.

REGIMENT.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank.	Period of Service in each Rank.		Amount of Service.	
			From	To	Years.	Days.

To be filled up by the Paymaster agreeably to the form prescribed for the regimental record.

(Indorsement.)

HER MAJESTY'S INDIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Regiment ; Name ; Date

I hereby certify that the above-named was enlisted at , on the day of 18 , by , and that he was inspected by me, and I consider him in every respect fit for Her Majesty's service, and that I have examined this attestation, and find it properly filled up.

, Sub-division Officer.

Intermediately approved at , the day of 18 .

APPENDIX (F.)

EXTRACT.

Lord *Palmerston*'s Speech of 12th February 1858.

(Overland Mail, 17 February 1858.)

"THE army in India will consist, as heretofore, of Queen's troops, forming part of the regular army of this country, and local corps enlisted in India. With regard to Queen's troops no change will be made. With regard to the others, they will be transferred to the Crown from the service of the Company, subject to the same conditions of service as those under which they were enlisted, and if they dislike that change, I think in common justice they will be entitled to their discharge."

APPENDIX (G.)

MEMORANDUM regarding Summer Clothing, 2d Troop, 1st Brigade Horse Artillery.

Meerut, 11 May 1859.

THE old white summer kit cost on an average 42 rupees, and lasted with fair usage for two years. In the Memorandum marked A. attached, only the articles prescribed by regulation are entered, but generally speaking each man had many more, particularly of those marked *.

A memorandum

A memorandum showing the cost of the present khakee kit is also attached, B., but no decided opinion can be given as yet, regarding the time it will last, as the articles composing it have only been in use about nine months.

On the return of the troop last year after some 15 months' field service at Delhi, Lucknow and Rohilcund, the old summer white kits (most of the articles of white had been dyed khakee), were completely worn out by fair wear and tear, and the men of the troop were set up with the following:—

Khakee jackets	2
„ overalls	2
„ riding	1
„ Cap and covers	1
Cloth caps	1

For which the troop paid on an average *Co.'s Rs.* 16. 8. each man, which sum was in most instances deducted from the donation batta.

The old hands received 18 months' donation batta, 114 Company's rupees, and a great number of the young soldiers received six months', 38 rupees.

With reference to the young soldiers of the troop, that is, every man who has joined since May 1857, they have paid less for clothing and necessaries than any of the old hands, as will be seen by comparing memorandums A. and C. The clothing in wear of deceased men and casualties on service was in many instances made over to them, and they were thus set up at once on joining the troop.

The last batch of recruits, 14 in number, joined on the 4th of February 1859, and they have had less to pay than any other men in the troop.

A few days after these men joined the order for the new khakee tunic was received, but as the men had all been supplied late last year with two new khakee jackets it was ordered that for the present year only one tunic should be served out, and the jackets worn on all ordinary duties, and next year a second tunic would be provided for each man. As these recruits had to be set up in everything, they were served out with the usual proportion of the overalls, one tunic, and two new jackets, but they were only charged for one jacket, and I explained this to the men at the time, as I considered it would be hard on the young men to pay for two jackets which would be useless to them at the end of the year, but as it was necessary that they should be able to turn out decent like the rest of the troop, I gave them the extra jacket myself.

That the men generally have paid more for clothing during the last 12 months than they would do under ordinary circumstances is true, but it must be borne in mind that during the previous 12 months they had paid nothing for clothing, and the average of the two years is by no means excessive.

M. C. Sankey, Captain,
Commanding 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery.

A.—MEMORANDUM.

LIST of Articles required to compose a Regimental Kit, with Prices.

Meerut, 11 May 1859.

	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*
* Shirts, white, 6	12	–	–
* Overalls, white, 6 pair	9	–	–
* Jackets, white, 4	6	–	–
Riding overalls, white, 2 pair	5	–	–
2 cap covers and cap	2	12	–
Socks, 1 dozen (only 6 pairs by regulation)	3	–	–
Flannels, 3	4	8	–
TOTAL – *C's Rs.*	42	4	–

The above kit will last a man two years.

* Nearly every man had always a larger number than prescribed, the average being as follows:

Shirts, white	12
Overalls	8
Jackets	6
Riding overalls	3

Serjeant *James Barrett.* Corporal *J. Finn.*
„ *George Hodson.* „ *A. Forrest.*
„ *M. Giniven.* „ *J. Byrne.*

M. C. Sankey, Captain,
Commanding 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, Horse Artillery.

B.—MEMORANDUM.

Showing the Average cost of the Kit (Khakee) now in use with the Men.

Meerut, 11 May 1859.

	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*
Shirts, white, 6	12	–	–
Overalls (khakee) 3 pair *Rs.* 1. 12. each	5	4	–
Riding overalls, khakee (1)	2	8	8
2 jackets khakee, *Rs.* 2. 2. each	4	4	–
1 tunic khakee and buttons	3	4	–
1 cap and 2 covers khakee	2	12	–
Socks, 1 dozen	3	–	–
Flannels, 3	4	–	–
TOTAL – – – – *Co.'s Rs.*	37	–	8

The above kit will last a man for one year.

	Rs.	*a.*	*p.*
TOTAL as above	37	–	8
Deduct white clothing in use with the old kit, and are renewable in two years.			
Shirts	12	–	–
Socks	3	–	–
Flannels	4	–	–
	19		–
Rs.	17	15	4

Which is about the average a man would have to pay in the year for clothing.

Serjeant *J. Barrett.* Corporal *J. Finn.*
„ *Hodson.* „ *A. Forrest.*
„ *M. Giniven.* „ *J. Byrne.*

M. C. Sankey, Captain,
Commanding 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, H. A.

C.—MEMORANDUM.

EVERY recruit who has joined the troop since May last has been served out a khakee kit, value *Rs.* 26. 8., and on average every recruit has paid two rupees for altering cloth clothing.

M. C. Sankey,
Commanding 2d Troop, 1st Brigade, H. A.

APPENDIX (H.)

To Colonel *Huyshe.*

Sir,

I BEG to inform you that the undermentioned non-commissioned officers of the 1st brigade Staff have no complaints to make.

Serjeant Major Daley.	Trumpet Major Anderson.
Quartermaster Serjeant Wallace.	Drill Corporal Oakes.
Drill Serjeant Finton.	Farrier Major Vallance.
Rough Rider Serjeant Flanagan.	Orderly Room Clerk Kirker.
Hospital Serjeant Goddard.	

I am, &c.
J. Daley, Acting Serjeant Major,
1st Brigade Horse Artillery.

14 May 1849.

APPENDIX (I.)

NOMINAL Roll of the 2d Company, 4th Battalion, Bengal Artillery.—(Not printed.)

APPENDIX (K.)

NOMINAL Roll of Men of the 4th Company, 4th Battalion, Artillery.—(Not printed.)

APPENDIX (L.)

NOMINAL Roll of Recruits attached to the Depôt at Meerut,—(Not printed.)

APPENDIX (M.)

DUPLICATE OF ATTESTATION.

QUESTIONS, To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	ANSWERS, To be declared to by the Recruit.
1. What is your name?	John Abraham.
2. In what parish, and in or near what town, and in what county were you born?	In the parish of Chester, in or near the town of Chester, in the county of Cheshire.
3. What is your age?	25 years months.
4. What is your trade or calling?	Lithographic printer.
5. Are you an apprentice?	No.
6. Are you married?	No.
7. Are you ruptured, or lame; have you ever been subject to fits; or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs, or unfits you for ordinary labour?	No.
8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the East India Company's Artillery for the term of * twelve years, provided the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?	Yes.

* This blank to be filled up by the justices, with 10 years for Infantry and 12 years for cavalry or artillery, if the person enlisted is of the age of 18 years, or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and 18 is to be added to such 10 or 12 years, as the case may be.

9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom were you enlisted? †	At Sheffield, on the 13th day of September 1858, at half-past three o'clock, p. m., by Serjeant Robert Smith.

† The recruit cannot be attested sooner than 24 hours, nor later than four days after his enlistment, and every recruit must be attested by a justice or other magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any justice or other magistrate acting for the division, district, or place where such recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an officer in the army. *See the Mutiny Act.*

10. For what bounty did you enlist?	£. 3 and a free kit.
11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your enlistment?	No.
12. Do you now belong to the Militia or to the Naval Coast Volunteers? ‡	No.

‡ The justice is directed, in putting the 12th Question to the recruit, and before he receives his answer, distinctly to apprise the recruit, that if he belongs to the Militia and denies the fact, he is liable to forfeit 1*d.* a day of his pay for 18 months, if attested, and to 14 days' imprisonment, if he is not attested; and if he belongs to the Naval Coast Volunteers, he is liable under the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 73, to imprisonment for six months, and his enlistment will be null and void.

13. Do you belong to any other regiment or corps in Her Majesty's army, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or to the forces of the East India Company	No.
14. Have you ever served in the Army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the forces of the East India Company? §	No.

§ If so, the recruit is to state the particulars of his former service, and the cause of his discharge, and is to produce the certificate of his discharge, if he has it with him.

15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's service, or for the service of the East India Company, upon any prior enlistment? * } No.

* If a recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and vagabond.—*See the Mutiny Act.*

Borough of Sheffield, to Wit. } I, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, of the said borough, do hereby certify that, in my presence, all the foregoing questions were put to the recruit, John Abraham; that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th Articles of the Articles of War were read over to him; that he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; that he received the sum of 2 *s.* 6 *d.* on being attested this day; that he was not attested until 24 hours had elapsed after he had received enlisting money; that Sheffield, the place where he declares that he enlisted, is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I act; and that I am not an officer of the army; and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate, signed with my name.†

Hy. Wilkinson, { Signature of the Magistrate.

Description of John Abraham:—Age, apparently 25 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion, pale; eyes, blue; hair, black.

† The duplicate given to the recruit should be an exact counterpart of the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate in the attestation.

Appendix (N.)

George Cumberbach.

Enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery on the 18th September 1858, at Blackburn, in the county of Lancaster, at the age of 20 years months. Born in the parish of Blackburn, in or near the town of Blackburn, in the county of Lancaster. Trade or calling, blacksmith; height, 5 feet 9 ⅝ inches; complexion, fresh; eyes, grey; hair, brown.

Services (if any) prior to his enlistment into the East India Company's Artillery.—Nil

Bounty for which enlisted - - - - -	£.	3	- -
Proportion of bounty received - In the district -		10	-
Proportion of bounty received - At the depôt -	2	10	-

Specification of free Kit supplied to George Cumberbach.

1 Knapsack complete.	1 Holdall.
4 Shirts.	1 Razor.
2 Pairs of stockings.	1 Piece of soap and shaving brush.
1 Pair of boots.	1 Sponge.
2 Towels.	1 Canvas bag.
1 Pair of braces.	1 Knife, fork, and spoon.
2 Shoe brushes.	2 Tin plates.
1 Scrubbing-brush.	1 Box of blacking.
1 Clothes-brush.	1 Pair mitts.
1 Hair ditto.	1 Bible.
1 Button-stick and brush.	1 Prayer Book.
1 Pair of cloth trowsers.	

Appendix (O.)

Duplicate of Attestation.

Questions, To be separately asked by the Magistrate.	Answers, To be declared to by the Recruit.
1. What is your name? - - - - - -	John Males,
2. In what parish, and in or near what town, and in what county were you born? - - - -	In the parish of Camberwell, in or near the town of London, in the county of Surrey.
3. What is your age? - - - - - -	24 years months.
4. What is your trade or calling? - - - -	Labourer.

5. Are

5. Are you an apprentice? - - - - - - No.

6. Are you married? - - - - - - - No.

7. Are you ruptured or lame; have you ever been subject to fits; or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs, or unfits you for ordinary labour? - - } No.

8. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the infantry of Her Majesty's Indian military forces for the term of * 10 years, provided Her Majesty should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station? - - } Yes.

* This blank to be filled up by the justices, with 10 years for infantry and 12 years for cavalry or artillery, if the person enlisted is of the age of 18 years, or upwards; but if under that age, then the difference between his age and 18 is to be added to such 10 or 12 years, as the case may be.

9. At what place, on what day, at what hour of the day, and by whom were you enlisted? † - - } At Westminster, on the 2d day of September 1858, at six o'clock p.m., by Serjeant Thomas Taylor.

† The recruit cannot be attested sooner than 24 hours, nor later than four days after his enlistment, and every recruit must be attested by a justice or other magistrate residing in the vicinity of the place where such person shall have enlisted, or before any justice or other magistrate acting for the division, district, or place where such recruit shall have been enlisted, and not being an officer in the army.—*See the Mutiny Act.*

10. For what bounty did you enlist? - - - £. 3.

11. Have you any objection to make to the manner of your enlistment? - - - - - - } None.

12. Do you now belong to the Militia, or to the Naval Coast Volunteers? ‡ - - - - - } No.

‡ The justice is directed, in putting the 12th Question to the recruit, and before he receives his answer, distinctly to apprise the recruit, that if he belongs to the Militia and denies the fact, he is liable to forfeit 1*d.* a day of his pay for 18 months, if attested, and to 14 days' imprisonment, if he is not attested; and if he belongs to the Naval Coast Volunteers, he is liable, under the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 73, to imprisonment for six months, and his enlistment will be null and void.

13. Do you belong to Her Majesty's Indian military forces, or to any other branch of Her Majesty's army, or to the Marines, Ordnance, or Navy? } No.

14. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's army, Marines, Ordnance, or Navy, or in the forces of the East India Company, or in Her Majesty's Indian military forces? § - - - - } No.

§ If so, the recruit is to state the particulars of his former service, and the cause of his discharge, and is to produce the certificate of his discharge, if he has it with him.

15. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's service, or for service of the East India Company, or of Her Majesty's Indian military forces upon any prior enlistment? ‖ - } No.

‖ If a recruit wilfully conceals his having been discharged upon any prior enlistment on account of any infirmity, he is liable to punishment as a rogue and vagabond.—*See the Mutiny Act.*

Middlesex } I, the undersigned, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the said
to Wit. } county, do hereby certify that in my presence all the foregoing questions were put to the recruit, John Males; that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me; that the 40th and 46th Articles of the Articles of War were read over to him; that he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity; that he received the sum of 2*s.* 6 *d.* on being attested this day; that he was not attested until 24 hours had elapsed after he had received enlisting money; that Westminster, the place where he declares that he enlisted, is in the vicinity of my residence, or within the division or district or place for which I act; and that I am not an officer of the army; and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate, signed with my name. ¶

J. Broughton. { Signature of the Magistrate.

Description of John Males.—Age, apparently 24 years; height, 5 feet 6¼ inches; complexion, fresh; eyes, grey; hair, brown.

¶ The duplicate given to the recruit should be an exact counterpart of the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate in the attestation.

Appendix (P.)

Clause of the Transfer Act, under which the Privileges of the Company's Army, now called the Royal Indian Army, are secured to them.

LVI.—The military and naval forces of the East India Company shall be deemed to be the Indian military and naval forces of Her Majesty, and shall be under the same obligations to serve Her Majesty as they would have been under to serve the said Company, and shall be liable to serve within the same territorial limits only, for the same terms only, and be entitled to the like pay, pensions, allowances and privileges, and the like advantages as regards promotion and otherwise, as if they had continued in the service of the said Company; such forces, and all persons hereafter enlisting in or entering the same, shall continue and be subject to all Acts of Parliament, laws of the Governor General of India in Council, and Articles of War, and all other laws, regulations, and provisions relating to the East India Company's military and naval forces respectively, as if Her Majesty's Indian military and naval forces respectively had throughout such Acts, laws, articles, regulations and provisions, been mentioned or referred to, instead of such forces of the said Company; and the pay and expenses of and incident to Her Majesty's Indian military and naval forces shall be defrayed out of the revenue of India.

Appendix (Q.)

Oath to be taken by a Recruit on Attestation.

I, do make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown, and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me.

So help me God.

Witness my hand,

Signature of Recruit.

Witness present.

Sworn before me at this day of 18 , at o'clock.

Signature of Justice.

If enlisting for the East India Company's Service, the following is to be added to the Oath:

And that I also will be true to the said Company, and will duly observe and obey all their orders, and the orders of their generals and officers who shall be lawfully set over me.

Enclosure 29, in No. 18.

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(No. 125.)

W. Lydiard, Major, Assistant Adjutant General of Division.

Sir, Hazareebaugh, 30 May 1859.

I have the honour to forward the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry assembled by me, to inquire into grievances the men of the 6th European Regiment supposed themselves to be labouring under, and which gave rise to the partial discontent and insubordination, of which reports have already been made.

2. It will be observed, that some of these men have stated that they are entitled to compensation for clothing and loss of necessaries in the late insurrection. The amount of the latter has been received, and the sums distributed agreeably to the statement furnished by the officer commanding the 3d European Regiment.

3. As regards compensation for clothing which has not been received, much confusion appears to prevail. The clothing certificates furnished to the men when quitting the 3d European Regiment being very ambiguously worded, it is difficult to discover exactly what is due to them. It is, however, my intention to address the officer commanding the 3d European Regiment on the subject without delay.

I have, &c.

F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commanding 6th European Regiment.

Forwarded,

Forwarded, together with the Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry, specified, for submission to the Right honourable the Commander in Chief through the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

George Campbell, Major General,
Commanding Dinapore Division.

Ghazeepore, 3 June 1859.

(No. 687.)

FORWARDED in original, by desire of the Right honourable the Commander in Chief, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 17 June 1859.

(No. 108.)

To Captain *W. Birch*, President, Court of Inquiry, Hazareebaugh.

Sir, Hazareebaugh, 16 May 1859.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Court of Inquiry, of which you are President, is convened for the purpose of investigating the grievances of the men of the 6th European Regiment.

I have, &c.
G. J. Pasley, Lieutenant,
Station Staff.

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Inquiry, assembled by order of Captain *F. T. Wroughton*, commanding at Hazareebaugh, at the Mess House of the 6th European Regiment, on Tuesday the 17th day of May 1859, for the purpose of investigating such matter as shall be laid before it by the Station Staff Officer.

President:—Captain Walter Birch, 6th European Regiment.
Members:—Captain C. Need, 6th European Regiment; Captain R. F. Grindall, 6th European Regiment.

Hazareebaugh, 17 May 1859.

THE court assembled this day at seven o'clock a.m. at the Mess House of the 6th European Regiment, in obedience to Station Orders of yesterday.

The Station Order directing the assembly of the court is read.

Letter, No. 108, dated 16 May 1859, from the station staff officer to the address of the President of the court is read and appended to the proceedings, and marked A.

Reg. No. $\frac{722}{48}$, Private *John Wardlow*, No. 1 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears before the court, and being directed to state any grievance he may consider he has, states—I enlisted in the East India Company's infantry on the 30th September 1853 for the term of 10 years and not exceeding 12, should the said Company so long require my services, and now I am given to understand that the Company is totally abolished, and I wish to be re-enlisted for another bounty, or discharge; I have no objection whatever to serve the Queen if I be re-enlisted again. 1st Witness.

The oath taken by a recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, and read by him, and he asserts that he has never taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 96, Private *George Allen*, No. 1 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called before the court, and directed to state any grievance which he may consider he has, and states—I wish to inform you that I am a soldier belonging to the late East India Company's service; I am given to understand that Company is entirely done away with, therefore, as a matter of right, I put in a claim for my discharge. 2d Witness.

The oath taken by a recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, and read by him, and he asserts that he has never taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 73, Private *Charles Baynes*, No. 1 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court is directed to state any grievance which he may consider he has, and states—I wish for my discharge as I enlisted for the late East India Company, and do not consider that Her Majesty has any claim upon me. 3d Witness.

The oath taken by a recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, and read by him in the presence of the court; the witness asserts, that to the best of his belief he has never taken that oath, although it is pointed out to him, that in his attestation certificate, which he produces, it is certified under the signature of the magistrate that he has taken the oath of allegiance.

[Witness withdraws.

4th Witness. Reg. No. 85, Private *John O'Brien*, No. 1 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and directed to state any grievance he has, and states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's infantry; the East India Company no longer exists, and I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he does not recollect having ever taken the oath now shown to him.

[Witness withdraws.

5th Witness. Reg. No. 90, Private *Francis Toohy*, of the 1st Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievances he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's infantry for the term of 10 years, or of 12 if it was required. I believe that the Honourable East India Company is broken up, and I am serving the Honourable East India Company still until I get an answer. I don't want to mutiny, but I will do my duty as a good soldier till I get an answer; I am willing to serve the Queen on receiving either a fresh bounty or the option of my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit is shown to the witness, who states that the only oath he ever took was to serve the Company for 10 years, or 12 if required.

[Witness withdraws.

6th Witness. Reg. No. 76, Private *George Carter*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—Finding the Company for which I enlisted no longer exists, I wish my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he does not recollect ever having taken the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

7th Witness. Reg. No. 72, *Thomas Byrne*, 2d, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10 years, and for 12 if required; and as there is now no Company, I put in my claim for a bounty or discharge; I am willing to serve if I get a fresh bounty.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that in the oath taken by him nothing about Her Majesty was mentioned, therefore the oath now shown was not the one taken by him.

[Witness withdraws.

8th Witness. Reg. No. 67, Private *Thomas Byrne*, 1st, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I wish for either discharge or bounty. I enlisted for the East India Company's Infantry for the period of 10 years and not exceeding 12, if so long the said Company required my services.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I never took the oath now shown; when I was taken by the recruiting serjeant before the magistrate, the constable read the attestation paper while two of us held the Bible; when he had done reading he told us to kiss the book, and Her Majesty's name was never mentioned as in the oath now shown to me.

[Witness withdraws.

9th Witness. Reg. No. 226, Private *James Hyne*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is now called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I object to serve Her Majesty; I did not enlist for her service. I consider it should be left to my own option whether I re-enlist or not.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I took the oath, but the Company being broken up I consider the obligation of the oath at an end; I only having sworn to obey Her Majesty as a soldier for 10 years, should the Company exist so long.

[Witness withdraws.

10th Witness. Reg. No. 353, Private *James Dillon*, No. 1 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I enlisted in the East India Company's service for 10 years, and for 12 if the said Company required my services so long, I claim either my discharge or re-enlistment with bounty.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I never took this oath, but I have a copy of the oath I took, and which I will produce. We received several notes from other companies without signatures, asking how many of us would refuse to turn out for parade, and to send back the number of men who would do so. We sent back word that we would all turn out and do our duty as soldiers. I cannot say from which the papers came; I found them on the mess-table, and took up one to see what it was, and read it and put it down again. I then went to ask O'Brien, my comrade, what was to be done with it; he replied, "Have nothing to do with it; but write on it that none of our company will stay away from parade." I then went down the barrack, and on my return saw the paper on the floor; O'Brien said, "If the paper is found here we shall be blamed for it," and taking up the paper he threw it outside.

Question by Court. Do you recollect the words written in this paper?—*A.* Yes: "Dear Brothers, we write to you these few feeling words as brothers, as we may call you. Please send

send us the word how many of you will turn out for parade." There was no signature to this letter. I wrote on the letter, "None will stop in." This occurred about 3½ p. m. on Sunday.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 332, Private *James Clarke*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, and have it marked down in my small book, Her Majesty's East Indian forces. 11th Witness.

Q. by the Court.] On what day were you enlisted?—*A.* The 29th of September 1858, and I want to know on what day the East India Company ceased to exist.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{24}{32}$, Corporal *Patrick Corcoran*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to state any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, and 12 if required, provided the said Company required my services so long; I do hereby claim my discharge as a matter of right. 12th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—To the best of his belief he never has taken it. The services, the witness states, were totally distinct; if a man, after serving 12 years in the Company's service was to enlist in the Queen's, his service would not be allowed him; whereas if he had served those 12 years in the Queen's, that service would have counted.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{874}{53}$, Private *William Watson;* No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and directed to state any grievances he may have, states—I am a Company's soldier, and enlisted for the Honourable Company for the space of 10 years, 12 if the Company should require them so long; this is what I was sworn in for; I believe the Company is done away with, and I apply for my discharge or fresh bounty. 13th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I do not believe this is the oath I took; I enlisted to serve the Company, and nothing about Her Majesty, Her heirs, or successors was mentioned in my attestation.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 111, Private *Michael Geraty*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted to serve the East India Company 10 years, and that Company, which was the government of the country, having ceased to exist, I only consider I am entitled to a fresh bounty or discharge. 14th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 70, Private *William Brookshaw*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being desired to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company Infantry for 10 years, and 12 if so long required. I am given to understand that the East India Company is entirely done away with; and as it is done away with, I make an application for my discharge, as nothing was said about the Queen when I enlisted. 15th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I am certain in the oath I took no mention was made of Her Majesty, Her heirs, and successors.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 243, Private *William Talford*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I fancy, having been transferred from one service to another, which has always been considered totally distinct, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge, or a fresh bounty. 16th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 355, Private *Nicholas S. Hopkins*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and I do not consider it right to be turned over to the Queen; I have no objection to serve Her Majesty if properly re-enlisted; if not properly re-enlisted, I claim my discharge. 17th Witness.

Q. by the Court.] When did you enlist?—*A.* On the 21st September 1858.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I never took the oath now shown to me.

[Witness withdraws.

18th Witness. Reg. No. 63, Private *Andrew Barnett*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, to serve for 10 years, 12 if required; I wish to claim my discharge, because the East India Company is done away with.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, that he never took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

19th Witness. Reg. No. 93, Private *William Wathins*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I am a soldier belonging to the East India Company; the East India Company is deceased, and I think I am entitled to my discharge; I never enlisted, or was I sworn in for the Queen.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, that he does not recollect in the oath he took anything about Her Majesty.

[Witness withdraws.

20th Witness. Reg. No. $\frac{130}{130}$, Corporal *Edmund M'Carthy*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being desired to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 10 years, and for 12 if required and as the Company has no more rule, I therefore claim either a fresh bounty or my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, that he does not recollect having taken the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

21st Witness. Reg. No. 89, Private *Jeremiah Regan*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I am informed that the East India Company is broken up, and I enlisted for the East India Company, and, according to that, I think I am entitled to my discharge or bounty.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took the usual oath, but recollects nothing about the Queen.

[Witness withdraws.

22d Witness. Reg. No. 84, Private *James Morrad*, No. 1 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as we are turned over to the Queen, I think I am entitled to a fresh bounty or discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took an oath for the Company, and not for the Queen.

[Witness withdraws.

Court adjourns. The court adjourns at 12 o'clock noon, until 7 a.m. of the 18th of May 1859.

Hazareebaugh, 18 May 1859.

Court reassembles. THE Court reassembled at 7 o'clock, a.m. this day, agreeably to adjournment.

23d Witness. Reg. No. 99, Private *James Burnett*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and having been directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, and not for the Queen, and I feel dissatisfied at being turned over without a fresh bounty or discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, that he recollects nothing about it.

[Witness withdraws.

24th Witness. Reg. No. 129, Private *William Reynolds*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 22d of June for the Honourable East India Company; the East India Company, I am given to understand, is broken up, and I want my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, that to the best of his knowledge that he did not take the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

25th Witness. Reg. No. 132, Private *John Supple*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into Court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 3d of June 1858; I hear that we have been turned over to Her Majesty, and I want some recompense on account of my having been sworn in for the Company's service.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I never took any oath for Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; I only swore to be true to the Company.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 386, Private *James Gavin*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievances he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and produce my attestation paper; I want my free discharge, because the East India Company is broken up. 26th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I did not take the oath of allegiance to serve Her Majesty.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 179, Private *Thomas Curney*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and don't wish to be transferred to the Queen; I want my discharge. 27th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company; I did not take the oath in the book.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 116, Private *Thomas Jepps*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish to claim my discharge, owing to the East India Company being broken up. 28th Witness.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, that he never took this oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 125, Private *William Osborne*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10 years, or 12 if required; and as there is no East India Company now, sir, I think I am entitled to my discharge. 29th Witness.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is read to the recruit, who states, that the oath he took mentioned nothing about allegiance to Her Majesty.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 118, Private *William Jones*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance, he states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12; the Company is now broken up, and I did not enlist for the Queen; I want my discharge, or another bounty. 30th Witness.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is read to the recruit, who states, he never took that oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 382, Private *Michael Gillan*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance, states—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required, and now I wish to get my discharge. 31st Witness.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is read to the recruit, who states, he never took that oath nor heard it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 114, Private *Richard Heard*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 5th of July 1858, at London, for 10, or if required for 12 years, if the said Company so long required my services; and as now the Company is no more, I want my discharge, or re-enlistment, and first-bounty. 32d Witness.

The oath taken by recruits on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, that he never took this oath, and nothing was ever read out to him.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 122, Private *George Mills*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as it is done away with, I wish to obtain my discharge. 33d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 61, Drummer *Joseph Acres*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, on the 6th July 1858, in Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales, and now I want my discharge, as the East India Company is done away with. 34th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, he never took that oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 77, *Michael Cavanagh*, No. 2 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any complaint he has to make, states—I enlisted on the 1st of July 1858, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12, and I wish now to obtain my discharge, because I did not enlist for the Queen. 35th Witness.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, that they never read anything to me about Her Majesty; never took this oath.

[Witness withdraws.

36th Witness. Reg. No. 135, *James Johnson*, private, 2d company, 6th European Regiment of Bengal, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service on the 22d July 1853, for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12 years, provided the said East India Company so long required my services. Now the Company has ceased to exist, as a matter of right I claim my discharge, or enlistment and bounty.

The oath of allegiance taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states, that he does not remember taking that oath.

[Witness withdraws.

37th Witness. Reg. No. 380, Private *Thomas Esher*, 6th European Bengal Regiment, 2d Company, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—He wants his discharge, because he enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service.

The oath of allegiance is read to the witness, who states it was never put to him.

[Witness withdraws.

38th Witness. Reg. No. 120, *Charles M'Arthy*, 6th European Bengal Regiment, No. 2 Company, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for the term of 10 years, or for 12 if required, provided the said Company so long required my services; as the Company no longer requires my services, I want a free discharge or a fresh bounty. The oath of allegiance is shown to the witness, who says he never heard it before.

[Witness withdraws.

39th Witness. Reg. No. 136, Private *Michael Mulcahy*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—He enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, on the 24th of last June; now that the Company has ceased to exist, he wishes to take his discharge.

The oath of allegiance is read to the witness, who states he is certain that portion regarding Her Majesty was not read to him.

[Witness withdraws.

40th Witness. Reg. No. 149, Private *James Dickson*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—He wants to go home. The court beg to state that this man is struck off all duty already, in consequence of his inability to perform his duties, preparatory to being sent home.

[Witness withdraws.

41st Witness. Reg. No. 113, Private *William Kay*, No. 2 Company, 6th European Regiment of Bengal, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service for 10 years, and 12 if required; the East India Company is broken up, and I want my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on enlistment is shown to the witness, who states that he does not recollect taking it.

[Witness withdraws.

42d Witness. Reg. No. 126, Private *W. F. Priddey*, 2d Company 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's infantry, for the period of 10 years, or 12, provided the said Company should so long require my services. The East India Company is now no more, and I wish to have my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who says he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

43d Witness. Reg. No. 133, *John White*, private of No. 2 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, on the 5th July 1858. The said Company is no more, and I wish to have my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he never took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

44th Witness. Reg. No. 119, Private *William Laud*, of No. 2 Company, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12, if the said Company should require my services. I understand the East India Company is no more, and I think I am consequently entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on his attestation, is shown to the witness, who says that is not the oath he took.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 101, Private *John M'Namara*, of No. 2 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, or 12 if the Honourable East India Company required. The East India Company is no more, and I think I am entitled to my discharge. 45th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on his attestation is shown to the witness, who states he does not recollect having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

The Court adjourns at 12 o'clock, noon, till 7 a. m. the 19th instant.

Hazareebaugh, 19 May 1859.

THE Court reassembled at 7 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment of yesterday.

The President and Members all present.

Reg. No. $\frac{934}{55}$, Private *William Draper*, of the 3d Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being asked to make known any grievance he has, states—I wish to claim my discharge, because I belonged to the East India Company's forces, and not to Her Majesty's, and I was never sworn in for Her Majesty's service. 46th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on his attestation, is shown to the witness, who states that he never took it.

Witness further states—I am entitled to artillery pay for five and twelve days, as I acted for an artilleryman at Agra, during the mutiny at Agra; and there is a General Order granting artillery pay to men who act as gunners. I am also entitled to compensation for loss of clothing on the 5th July 1857. I sent in a claim for 19 rupees. I am also entitled to boat money for this year, four rupees, and also to clothing for last year, which was served out to me, and taken away four days afterwards, when I was leaving the regiment (the 3d Europeans), and I was left nearly naked.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 398, Private *James Hyne*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he has, states—I am anxious to know what service I belong to, as I was enlisted on the 12th October last, and was sworn in to serve the East India Company, whilst in my small book it is stated I belong to Her Majesty's Indian forces. 47th Witness.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 391, Private *John B. Holroyd*, being called before the court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and I wish to have my discharge, because I don't think it right that I should be turned over to the Queen. 48th Witness

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who admits having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 403, Private *John Kelly*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, is directed to make known any grievance he may have, and states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and don't think it is proper to be turned over to the Queen, and I wish to get my discharge. 49th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{675}{21}$, Private *John Reynolds*, of No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—On the 18th November 1853 I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, and 12 if required, provided the said Company should require my services so long; now the Company being abolished, I consider that my services should also cease to exist, and I claim a fresh bounty or discharge. 50th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states, that he took the oath of allegiance—I claim compensation or clothing for the year (I believe 1858), which was taken away from me on leaving the 3d European Regiment; also compensation for my kit, which was lost on the 5th of July at Agra.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 166, Private Joseph Bennett, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 22d June 1858 for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; and I believe the East India Company requires my services no longer, and I am entitled to my discharge. 51st Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

52d Witness. Reg. No. 168, Private *James Eccles*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 10 years, and 12 if required, and as the Company is done away with, I wish for satisfaction; I wish to get my discharge when the Company is done away with.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

53d Witness. Reg. No. 145, Lance Corporal *William M'Donald*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's service to serve for 10 years, and 12 if required; the Company being broken up, I consider myself entitled to a fresh bounty or d scharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

54th Witness. Reg. No. 164, Private *Matthew Jones*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 5th of July for the Honourable East India Company, for 10 years, and 12 if required, should the Company so long require my services; I understand the Company is broken up, and I claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

55th Witness. Reg. No. 450, Private *John Gould*, No. 3, Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish to state that I enlisted at Manchester on the 25th of June, for the East India Company, for 10 years, not exceeding 12, provided the said Company should so long require my services; as I find the Company no longer requires my services, I claim my discharge as a matter of right.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

56th Witness. Reg. No. $\frac{809}{49}$, *Walter G. Clark*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish for my discharge, because I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, and that is defunct.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he did not take the oath.

I claim gunner's pay for about five weeks, during which period I acted as artilleryman at Agra, in June and July 1857; also compensation for the loss of my kit on the 5th July 1857.

[Witness withdraws.

57th Witness. Reg. No. 162, Private *Frederick Jane*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—When I enlisted, I wished to go into the Queen's, but the Queen would not accept of my services, as I was too short; I therefore enlisted into the Company's service, and I have heard from home that the East India Company is no more; and I wish for my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

58th Witness. Reg. No. 170, Private *Michael Renny*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 9th of July for the Honourable East India Company, and I was sworn in for the East India Company, to serve 10 years, or 12 if required, should the said Company require my services so long; the said Company is broken up, and I think I am a free man, and entitled to a discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he did not take the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

59th Witness. Reg. No. 154, Private *Henry Hill*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 7th July 1858, and was sworn to serve the East India Company for 10 years, and 12 if required; the East India Company is now broken up, and I am a free man, and claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he did not take the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 160, Private *Daniel Cupper*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 6th July 1858, for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 10 years, and 12 if required, provided the said Company should so long require my services; I consider I am a free man now the said Company is broken up, and I claim my discharge as a matter of right. 60th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he never took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 159, Private *William Fisher*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 7th July for the Honourable East India Company's service, for the term of 10 years, and not exceeding 12; now the East India Company is broken up, I wish to claim my discharge. 61st Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 163, Private *Walter Packwood*, No. 3 Company, being called into court, and directed to state any grievance he has, states—On the 2d July 1858 I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, to serve for a term of 10 years, and 12 if required; as the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge. 62d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he never took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 394, Private *George Haymon*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, appears in court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 4th October 1858, for the East India Company's service for the period of 10 years, or 12 if required; I hear the East India Company is broke, sir, and passed to the Queen, and I am not satisfied without being sworn in for it. When I was attested, I was asked whether I would serve the East India Company or the Queen, and I said the East India Company. 63d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who says the magistrate read it to him.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 152, Private *John Ward*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted into the Honourable East India Company's service in July 1858, and now that the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge. 64th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit is shown to the witness, who states he did take the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 141, Private *Henry Humphrey*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company for 10 years, or 12 if required, on the 6th July 1858; I claim my discharge because the Company is now broke up. 65th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit is shown to the witness, who states, in the oath he took there was nothing about the Queen.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 138, Private *William Heay* appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 22d July 1858 for the East India Company's Light Infantry, for the term of 10, or not exceeding 12 years, if the said Company should so long require my services. The East India Company is, I believe, abolished; I therefore claim my discharge. 66th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he has no recollection of having taken the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{409}{10}$, Private *James Collins* appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable Company for a period of 10 years, not exceeding 12, provided the said Company should no longer require my services. The said Company no longer exists; therefore I consider myself entitled to my discharge. 67th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took the usual oath.

I claim compensation for clothing and kit lost in 1857. Brigadier Cotton at the time gave us to understand that all the men would get compensation alike, whether they preferred separate claims or not. The clothing for which I claim compensation consists of a tunic, a fatigue jacket, a pair of trousers taken away from me previous to my leaving the 3d European Regiment.

[Witness withdraws.

68th Witness — Reg. No. 158, Private *William Foster*, No. 3 Company, European Regiment, appears in court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company for the period of 10 years, or 12 if required, if the Company should so long require my services. As the Company is no more, I think myself entitled to fresh bounty or discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

69th Witness. — Reg. No. 165, Private *Alfred Knight*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company on the 7th July 1858, to serve for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; as the Company does not now exist, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

70th Witness. — Reg. No. 157, Private *James Simpson*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—As there is now no East India Company, I claim my discharge. I enlisted on the 5th July 1858.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

71st Witness. — Reg. No. 153, Private *Charles Quince*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, appears in court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I wish to obtain my discharge; I enlisted for the term of 10 years, and 12 years if required, but now that the East India Company is broke up, I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read, and shown to the witness, who states he took it.

I wish to state that when I started from Warley, cooks were called for, and promised 1 *d.* a day from each man, and a suit of clothing to cook in; I volunteered as cook, during the voyage, but I did not get the 1 *d.* a day or the clothing.

[Witness withdraws.

72d Witness. — Reg. No. 183, *Thomas Rigder*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as I hear that the Company does not now exist, I claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took it.

[Witness withdraws.

73d Witness. — Reg. No. 167, Private *John Wilkinson*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, states—I enlisted on the 9th of July 1858 for the East India Company's service, at Blackburn, Lancashire, for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required, if so long the Company should require my services; as I understand the Company is no more, I wish to take my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read by the witness, who states—I don't recollect.

[Witness withdraws.

74th Witness. — Reg. No. 142, Private *Reilley*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, states—I belong to the East India Company, as far as I can understand. I enlisted on the 9th of July 1858; I claim my discharge, as I understand the said Company is no more.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

75th Witness. — Reg. No. 182, Private *Josiah Williams*, No. 3 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, states—I wish to claim my discharge, as the East India Company is no more; here is my attestation paper.

The oath, &c. taken by every recruit on attestation is shown and read to the witness, who states, I took that oath.

[Witness withdraws.

76th Witness. — Reg. No. 169, Private *William Allen*, No. 3 Company, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company on the 7th July 1858, and I find there is no East India Company now, and I think I am entitled to my discharge or a bounty. I have no objections against soldiering, if I get leave to volunteer into the 88th Regiment, as I have some friends in it.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation, is shown to the witness, who states, I never repeated any words after the magistrate or anyone else.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 155, *Frank J. Beger*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I consider myself aggrieved in being transferred to Her Majesty, not being enlisted for the same, and I wish for my discharge. 77th Witness.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{813}{50}$, Corporal *Richard Derry*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish to claim my discharge as a matter of right, because I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and I understand that I have been turned over to Her Majesty's forces. 78th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who state that he does not remember taking it. When Lord Palmerston was in office he stated that we might as well be turned over to the Emperor of France as Her Majesty, or words to that effect.

I claim clothing or compensation for the year 1857, which was taken away from me on leaving the 3d European Regiment, viz., a tunic, a fatigue jacket and pair of trousers.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 404, Private *John Thelso*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 7th of October 1858, and I think I can claim my discharge; I would like to stay in the country, but my eyes will get dark if I remain in the country. I was sworn in for the East India Company, although my book (which was given me afterwards) says I am enlisted for Her Majesty's Indian forces. 79th Witness.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 139, Private *John Edmonds*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and they tell me it is broken up; I want to see if I am to get a fresh bounty or a discharge. 80th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 405, Private *John Lewis*, No. 3 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I understand that the East India Company is done away with, and I wish to claim my discharge. 81st Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he does not remember it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 227, Private *George Kirke*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 10 years, 12 if required. I believe the service is broken up, therefore I claim my discharge. 82d Witness.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 190, Private *John Bell*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 19th of August for the East India Company, and hear that the East India Company is defunct, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. 83d Witness.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 231, Private *George Lacy*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company on 6th July 1858; now the Company is broken up, I wish to claim my discharge. 84th Witness.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 204, Private *James Doyle*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 21st of August for the East India Company's service for 10 years, and 12 if required, and the East India Company is broken up, and I want my discharge. 85th Witness.

The oath administered to every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, when I enlisted I heard nothing about allegiance to the Queen.

[Witness withdraws.

86th Witness. Reg. No. 220, Private *William Howden*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 10 years, and 12 if required; the Company is broken up, and I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

87th Witness. Reg. No. 226, Private *John Jackson*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 10 years, and 12 if required; there is no East India Company now; it is broken up, and I wish to claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to witness, who states that he did not take it that he is aware of.

[Witness withdraws.

88th Witness. Reg. No. 196, Private *Kidman Cox*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company on the 21st August 1858; as the Company is broken up, I wish to claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

89th Witness. Reg. No. 255, Private *Joseph Blake*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East Company for 10 years, and 12 if required; and I hear the Company is broken up, so claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

The witness further begs to state, that on the voyage out, on board the "Jalawar," he was on half allowance from about a fortnight after leaving the Cape, until he arrived in Calcutta, and that he was promised compensation by Captain Chambers, commanding the troops on board, which he has never received.

[Witness withdraws.

90th Witness. Reg. No. 203, Private *John Dellingham*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 10 years, or 12, if my services were required; I expect there is no service now, and think I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

91st Witness. Reg. No. 228, Private *Michael Lumsden*, No 4. Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 21st July 1858, and that Company being broken up, I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to witness, who states that he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Court adjourns. The Court adjourns at noon until seven a.m. on the 23d instant.

Hazareebaugh, 24 May 1859.

THE Court re-assembles at seven a.m. this morning pursuant to adjournment, and in obedience to station orders of the 22d instant.

92d Witness. Reg. No. 193, *John Briggs*, private, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and I want a re-enlistment or discharge, because I understand there is no East India Company.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states—I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

93d Witness. Reg. No. 415, *Stephen G. Reynolds*, private, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to state any grievance he has, states—I enlisted at Southampton on the 31st August 1858 for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12 if required; I suppose that Company does not any longer exist, and I wish to put in for my discharge or re-enlistment.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 88, Private *George Rowney*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company the 5th June 1858; I wish to claim my discharge on account of the East India Company being broken up. 94th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 188, *John Byroe*, private, No. 4 Company, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—On the 28th of August last, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, 12 if required; as the Company is broken up, I claim my discharge. 95th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 200, Private *John Connellon*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 28th August 1858 for the Honourable East India Company for a term of 10 years, or 12 if required, provided the said Company required me so long; and as the Company does not require my services, I claim my discharge. 96th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 207, Private *James Firm*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish to make an application for my discharge, as the Company is broken up. 97th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 236, *Thomas Mollory*, private, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 18th August 1858; the Company is broken up, and I wish to claim my discharge. 98th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he did not take the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 217, Private *John Erlocks*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 14th day of August 1858 for the Honourable East India Company; and now the Company is broken up, I consider it a matter of justice to claim my discharge. 99th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 199, Private *John Crosswhait*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—On the 27th August 1858, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company; and now, as the Company is broken up, I wish to claim my discharge. 100th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 202, Private *William Dawson*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 10 years; I don't consider I have authority enough to enforce Her Majesty's commands unless I am sworn in afresh. 101st Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, he has taken the oath.

[The Witness withdraw.

Reg. No. 194, Private *Robert Crossby*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—On the 27th of August 1858, I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and as the Company is now no more, I wish to take my discharge. 102d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. $\frac{11}{17}$, Private *Michael Carmody*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on November 25th, 1853, for the Honourable East India Company's service for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12. I should like to get my discharge, or be transferred to some light cavalry regiment in the country, as the Company has given over the country, and I think I may take my discharge. 103d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness.

[The Witness withdraws.

104th Witness. Reg. No. 198, Private *Thomas Connor*, No. 4 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on the 19th August 1858, to serve the East India Company for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required, and should the said Company longer require my services. I am informed the Company is broke up, and I wish to take my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who says he does not remember it.

[Witness withdraws.

105th Witness. Reg. No. 201, Private *James Canning*, 4th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on the 18th August 1858, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; but as now the Company no longer require my services, I wish to take my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states that he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

106th Witness. Reg. No. 181, Private *John Anderson*, 4th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on the 23d of August 1858, to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10 years, or two more if required; now that the Company is broken up, I wish for my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

107th Witness. Reg. No. 212, Private *William George*, 4th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—On the 26th August 1858, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; as the East India Company is broken up, I wish for my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

108th Witness. Reg. No. 208, Private *John Faulkner*, 4th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as the Company is now broken up, I wish for my discharge or to be re-enlisted.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

109th Witness. Reg. No. 211, Private *George Godson*, No. 4 Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's service on the 21st August 1858, for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; as the East India Company is done away with now, I claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

110th Witness. Reg. No. 189, Private *John Brady*, 4th Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on the 24th August 1859, for the Honourable East India Company's service, for the term of 10 years, or 12 if required; and as the Company does not require my services any longer, I wish for my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

111th Witness. Reg. No. 230, Private *William Lambert*, 4th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted on the 21st August 1858, for the East India Company's service for 10 years, or 12 if required; as the East India Company is now broken up, I wish for my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

The Court adjourn at 12 noon, till 7 o'clock to-morrow (25th) morning.

THE Court again meet on the morning of the 25th, at 7 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment of yesterday.

Reg. No. 262, Private *George Frank*, 5th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company's service; if I get a fresh bounty, sir, I am willing to serve the Queen. 112th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 265, Private *John William Gadner*, 5th Company, 6th European Bengal Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he may have, states—I understand that the Company's troops are to be turned over to the Queen; I enlisted for the Company, and I think I am entitled to re-enlistment, or to my discharge. 113th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states he took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 363, Private *Isaac Willet*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—When I enlisted, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, or 12, if the said Company should so long require my services. The Company's service is now broken up, and I claim my discharge. 114th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read over to the witness, who declares that he never took it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 259, Private *Robert Dickenson*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called before the court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I feel dissatisfied; I think I am entitled to fresh bounty or discharge, because when I enlisted I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for a term of 10 years, or 12 if required, if the said Company should so long require my services, and now the Company is broken up. 115th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read over to the witness, who admits having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 254, Private *Thomas William Black*, of No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, and I believe the East India Company is done away with; and I am given to understand, by what I read in the papers, that I am entitled to my discharge. 116th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read over to the witness, who admits having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. ——, Private *John Heigh*, of the 5th Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to state any grievance he may consider he has, states—When I enlisted to serve the East India Company as long as they should require my services, not exceeding 12 years. I am come to understand that the Company is done away with, therefore I want my discharge. 117th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who does not deny having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 259, Private *James Capelis*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to state any grievance he may consider he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the period of 10 or 12 years, if the Company should so long require my services. I don't belong to the Queen, and I want my discharge. 118th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who denies having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 71, Private *Thomas Brown*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12, provided the same Company should so long require my services; as I am given to understand the East India Company is broken up, I think that I can claim my discharge or a fresh bounty. 119th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who admits having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

120th Witness. Reg. No. 266, Private *Bartholomew Gwaspari*, of No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, 12, if the said Company should longer require my services. The Honourable East India Company is broken up, and do not require my services any longer; I believe that I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who says he does not remember that part of it about Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

[Witness withdraws.

121st Witness. Reg. No. 292, Private *Albert Winter*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company on the 5th June 1858; my reason in coming up here is simply this, to know whether I am serving for the Company or the Queen. I feel perfectly satisfied if I find that I am soldiering for the Company, but if the said Company is now defunct, I consider that I have a right to claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who admits having taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

122d Witness. Reg. No. 275, Private *Patrick Hay*, No. 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I enlisted for the East India Company on the 15th August 1858; I have been in the Queen's service before, and belonged to Her Majesty's 54th Regiment; I was invalided on the 9th October 1856, at Chatham, on a temporary pension of 6 *d.* a day for three months; now that the East India Company is broke up, I wish to be transferred back again to my old regiment, the 54th. I have not the least objection to serve the Queen, if I am transferred to one of the Queen's regiments, but I don't wish to serve in the 6th Europeans; I have no reason, except that I wish to go back to my old regiment again. I further wish to state, that I acted as serjeant on board ship, and held that rank till I arrived here in April; the major at Barrackpore (Major Burroughs) told me I should get pay for this when I reached my regiment, but up to this date I have not received it. I was in the drill at Barrackpore, and drilled the first squad.

[Witness withdraws.

123d Witness. Reg. No. 253, Private *Joseph Sarson*, No 5 Company, 6th European Regiment, being called into court, and directed to make known any grievance he may have, states—I want to claim my discharge, because I belong to the East India Company; I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 10 years, or two more, if the said Company so long required my services. I believe the East India Company is now extinct, and I want to claim my discharge or a bounty.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness.

[Witness withdraws.

124th Witness. Reg. No. 252, Private *Charles Weer*, No. 5 Company, 62d Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I was sworn in to serve the Honourable East India Company, and I heard that the East India Company is defunct now, and I see by the newspapers that I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on being attested is read to witness, who states that he took it.

[Witness withdraws.

125th Witness. Reg. No. 248, Private *George Strange*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—When I was sworn in, I was asked if I was willing to serve the East India Company for 10 years, if they required my services so long; the said Company not existing now, they cannot require my services, therefore I am entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on being attested is read to witness, who states, I took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

126th Witness. Reg. No. 283, Private *Victor Ponsonby*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I think I am entitled to my discharge; I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company on the 26th July 1858, for the period of 10 years, 12 if required; as the Company is no longer in existence, I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on being attested is shown to the witness, who states, I may have taken it.

[Witness withdraws.

127th Witness. Reg. No. 269, Private *John Ewatt*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 10 years, and two more if required, provided the said Company so long required my services; as the Company is broken up, I wish to claim my discharge.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to witness, who states, I took the oath.

[Witness withdraws.

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Reg. 435, Private *Thomas W. Trutrit*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and when I embarked I got my small book, with "East India Company's Service" scratched out, and "Her Majesty's Indian Forces" written with pen and ink. I want a fresh bounty or discharge, as the Company is done up. I enlisted on the 11th of October 1858. 128th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 249, Private *William Vale*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and, being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company, and wish to know if I can claim my discharge, because I have heard that the East India Company is broken up. 129th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 438, Private, *John Veniz*, No. 5 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 21st September for the Honourable East India Company's service for the term of 10 years, not exceeding 12, if that said Company so long required my services. When I embarked on board the ship "Tudor" I received my small book, and "Company" was scratched out, and "Forces" written over it. As I enlisted for the East India Company, I think I am entitled to my discharge, or whatever is granted to my comrades; but I should prefer my discharge before a bounty. 130th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is read to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 341, Private *Michael Burke*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I have no objection to soldier for Her Majesty if I am sworn in for Her Majesty; I was soldiering before for Her Majesty, and I volunteered into the Company's service from the 4th Lancashire Militia. 131st Witness.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 73, Private *William Brown*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the East India Company; I wish to serve the Company and not the Queen, unless I get a fresh bounty. 132d Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 348, Private *William Buckley*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish to know whether I am in Her Majesty's Forces or the Honourable East India Company. In my small book "Forces" is written down, and "Company" scratched out; and I enlisted for the East India Company on the 28th September. 133d Witness.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. 64, Private *Samuel Bailey*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company on the 7th July 1858; and the Company being no longer, I think myself entitled to a discharge or bounty. 134th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

Reg. No. ——, Private *James Tor*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 10 years, two more if required, and I can't serve two at once. I took my solemn oath to serve the East India Company for 10 years, two more if required. I want my free discharge because the East India Company is broke up now. I have nothing to say against the Queen's Forces; and I want my free discharge first from the East India Company's service before I can volunteer into the Queen's service. 135th Witness.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

136th Witness. Reg. No. 83, Private *Peter M'Aten*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I wish for my discharge, for I took an oath for the Company, and the Company is broken up, and I wish to go home again.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

137th Witness. Reg. No. 124, Private *William Noonan*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I want to know who I am serving; if I am serving for the Company, there can't be any objection to my continuing my services, as having enlisted for the same; if not, I consider myself entitled to a fresh bounty or a free discharge. It may be optional with me whether I accept my discharge or bounty.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

138th Witness. Reg. No. 92, Private *William Ward*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I enlisted on the 5th of July for the Honourable East India Company to serve for the term of 10 years, and two more if required; I understand the Company is broken up, and I should have a chance of a discharge or bounty, whichever I choose.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I did not take the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

139th Witness. Reg. No. 91, Private *Henry Weller*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—I am given to understand that the East India Company is broken up, therefore I look for my discharge from that said Company; I don't wish to serve Her Majesty, as I did not enlist for it.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

140th Witness. Reg. No. 140, Lance Corporal *Frederick Gardinier*, No. 6 Company, 6th Bengal European Regiment, is called into court, and being directed to mention any grievance he has, states—When I was sworn in for a soldier, I was sworn in for the East India Company for the space of 10 or 12 years, if the said Company should so long require my services; the said Company is no more, and the said Company cannot require my services.

The oath taken by every recruit on attestation is shown to the witness, who states, I took the oath.

[The Witness withdraws.

There are no more witnesses to examine; the court close their proceedings at 12 o'clock noon, and adjourn *sine die*.

Walter Birch, Captain,
President, 6th European Regiment.
Charles Need, Captain,
6th European Regiment, Member.
R. F. Grindall, Captain,
6th European Regiment, Member.
F. T. Wroughton, Captain,
Commissioner at Hazareebaugh.

Hazareebaugh, 25 May 1859.

Enclosure 30, in No. 18.

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Remarks.

The Court beg respectfully to draw attention to the following cases:—

Nos. 7, 11, 21, and 55, being those of soldiers who have served in Her Majesty's army, and who, having claimed back service, were not allowed to reckon it.

Nos. 35 and 48. Gunners who had previously been enlisted for the East India Company's infantry, and who had to be re-attested and re-sworn for the artillery on transfer to that branch.

No. 2. A very peculiar interpretation of the oath on attestation.

The Court wish also to draw attention to the careless way in which the oath appears to have been administered to recruits on enlistment.

S. T. Christie, Colonel,
President.

Cawnpore, 31 May 1859.

PROCEEDINGS of a Special Court of Inquiry held at Cawnpore, on the 16th day of May 1859, under Instructions from his Excellency the Commander in Chief, by Order of Major General Sir John E. W. Inglis, K. C. B., Commanding the Cawnpore Division.

President:—Colonel S. F. Christie, 80th Regiment.

Members:—Lieutenant Colonel G. Kirby, Bengal Artillery; Captain W. C. L. Ryves, Regiment of Lucknow; Captain C. F. Browne, Deputy Judge Advocate General, conducting the Proceedings.

Cawnpore, 16 May 1859.

THE Court assembled at 6 a. m., at the Artillery Mess House.

The President, Members, and Deputy Judge Advocate General, are all present.

The Division Order, dated 15th May 1859, convening the Court, and appointing the President and Members, and Judge Advocate, is read.

No. 9,233, Corporal *John Thompson*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being in court, is questioned as follows:— No. 1. Corporal John Thompson.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have just heard read?—*A.* I enlisted in London on the 8th November 1856, for the Honourable East India Company's forces, and on the 1st November 1858, I was transferred to Her Majesty's service. When I was at the depôt at Warley, I was given to understand that the East India Company's service and that of Her Majesty's were quite distinct, and a comrade who was at the depôt with me, applying to have his back service allowed to count, as he had been in Her Majesty's service, and had enlisted within the six months, was told by the Commandant, Colonel Leslie, C. B., that he could not obtain it, so distinct were the two services; I wish to be enlisted for Her Majesty's service without any regard to bounty, but I feel aggrieved at having been made over to Her Majesty's service when the country was taken by the Crown, without either having been asked or been given any option, or notice having been taken of the late Company's troops, in the Queen's proclamation.

The oath to be taken by a recruit on attestation, with the paragraph, "if enlisting for the East India Company's service, the following is to be added to the oath" contained in pages 182 and 183 of the Mutiny Act for Her Majesty's forces, having been read to Corporal Thompson, the following question is put to him:—

Do you remember the oath you took on enlisting; and if so, is it the one now read to you?—To the best of my belief it is.

Had you ever seen to the oath since you enlisted up to this time?—No.

Were you aware that it contained a promise to serve and obey all orders of Her Majesty, in addition to the allegiance?—Yes, so far as being a British subject, and bound to do so whether soldier or not, but not that it referred in particular to my duties as a soldier.

Corporal Thompson further states that his impression is, that a soldier in Her Majesty's service cannot be transferred from one regiment to another, without being asked, but that they are invariably allowed to volunteer; also, that he is perfectly aware that he has not ceased to be a soldier because he has a grievance, and that he is perfectly willing to perform his duty as heretofore, being amenable to military law.

Corporal Thompson not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any more questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,118, Bombardier *John Roddy*, being called into court, is questioned as follows:— No. 2. Bombardier John Roddy.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted for the East India Company's Artillery, at Dublin, on the 16th January 1857, to serve in the Bengal Artillery for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services. The said Company is deceased, and I don't consider myself a soldier. I am doing military duty against my will, and consider myself entitled to discharge or enlistment in Her Majesty's service at my own option; I should wish to be asked whether I would enlist or not.

The oath taken by recruits on attestation for the East India Company's forces having been read to Bombardier Roddy, the following question is put to him:—

Do you remember the oath you took on enlisting, and if so, is it the one now read to you?—Yes, it is.

Were you aware that it contained a promise to observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, and of Her officers, besides the oath of allegiance?—Yes; as long as the East India Company existed, I considered myself their servant, and that I took the oath of allegiance to the Queen, to bind myself, should the Company in whose service I enlisted, turn against Her Majesty and take the country, that I would not join or assist them in so doing. I knew that the East India Company had a larger army than Her Majesty, and I thought it possible that such a thing might occur, and my idea of breaking the oath I took was turning against Her Majesty. When I enlisted, there was not such a force as the

"Queen's Indian force," to which I am told I now belong; my grievance dates from the time I heard the Queen's proclamation read in Lucknow (1st November 1858), and I always knew that it would cause dissatisfaction, and that some notice would have had at last to be taken of it. The late order about the claim for bounty being inadmissible is not what constitutes my grievance, but the order or proclamation transferring me, without any reference to my own wishes on the subject.

Bombardier Roddy not having anything further to state, and the court not having any more questions to ask, he withdraws.

No. 3. Bombardier John S. Baker.

No. 9,085, Bombardier *John S. Baker*, 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I was enlisted in Westminster on the 25th of January 1856, and was given to understand, both by the recruiting serjeant and by the magistrate who swore me, that the East India Company's service was quite distinct from Her Majesty's service. My grievances is, that without being given any option, I was transferred; I do my duty, but I don't legally consider myself a soldier, and will not until final orders come from the home Government; I still consider myself amenable to military law, and will continue to do my duty till orders arrive. It is not the recent orders about bounty which I consider my grievance, but I always knew that after the proclamation there was dissatisfaction amongst the European troops of the late Company, and that some inquiry or adjustment of our grievance would be made. Had I at present the option to enlist in Her Majesty's service, I would willingly do so, but do not wish to bind myself for any future time.

Do you remember the oath you took on enlisting, and if so, is it the one now read to you?—I recollect being sworn, but do not remember the words, or recognise the words of the oath now read.

Read over the words of this oath, and state what impression it leaves on your mind regarding what the person who swears it binds himself to do?—It leaves on my mind the impression that so long as the East India Company existed, I was bound equally to serve Her Majesty and the Company, but when the East India Company ceased to exist, the obligation to serve Her Majesty as a soldier was annulled.

If you now enlisted in Her Majesty's service, you would have to swear the same oath, leaving out the last paragraph about serving the Company; how do you account for its not binding you then, and for its binding you now?—I can't explain this, but my impression is still the same, that I am not bound to serve Her Majesty as a soldier after the East India Company ceased to exist.

Would you consider the oath binding now if you took it without the last paragraph referring to the East India Company?—Yes, if I was enlisted for Her Majesty's service only, I should consider it binding.

It being now half-past eight o'clock, the court adjourns till to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

Cawnpore, 17 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court assembled at the Artillery Mess House at 6 a. m.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate present.

No. 4. Gunner and Acting Bombardier S. Loader.

No. 9,183, Gunner and Acting Bombardier *Samuel Loader*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him (for the court's assembly) he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—On the 25th November 1856, I enlisted in London for the East India Company's Artillery, to serve for 12 years, but not exceeding 14. The serjeant major who enlisted me said that Her Majesty's and the East India Company's service were quite distinct, and that the men who had enlisted for unlimited service, enlisted to serve Her Majesty as well as the Company; whereas those who, like myself, enlisted for 12 years, under the Limited Service Act, were sworn to serve the Company only. The serjeant major told me that I should have to swear allegiance to Her Majesty, but that it had no reference whatever to service as a soldier. It had been my intention to have paid the smart money, but for this assurance, as I had no wish to belong to two services at the same time. My grievance is, that I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, the Company for whose service alone I enlisted having been abolished; I desire to have the option given me of enlisting again or of being discharged, in which case I would probably not re-enlist, as the country does not agree with me.

The "oath to be taken by a recruit on attestation" having been read to Bombardier Loader, he states—That he has no recollection of having taken such an oath, but he is aware that he swore allegiance to Her Majesty for so long as he remained in the Company's service, and that a constable even in England has to swear an oath of allegiance. He also states, that the oath was very hurriedly read to him at the time of his enlistment, and that he paid but little, if any, attention to the wording of it. Bombardier Loader further states, that the transfer to the Crown, which was in the proclamation, caused considerable excitement

ment in the company, as all the men enlisted under the Limited Service Act fancied that they would obtain their discharge, and they were expecting orders from home on the subject; but when the general order pronouncing their claim to be inadmissable appeared in the "Delhi Gazette" the excitement was still greater, as they had hoped for a different decision.

Bombardier Loader not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any more questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,473, Gunner *David Anderson*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him for the court's assembly, he is questioned as follows:— No. 5. Gunner D. Anderson.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—My grievance is, that I am transferred to Her Majesty's service without having been enlisted for it, and without any option; I was enlisted in Edinburgh, on the 25th May 1857, when I was given to understand that the two services were perfectly distinct. I wish to serve the Queen provided I am enlisted again, and I do not care about the bounty. I have no recollection whatever of having sworn the attestation oath; I don't even remember whether I repeated the words of it, or whether it was only read to me. To the best of my belief, the Queen's name was not in the oath at all, and that I only swore to serve the East India Company for a certain period. The decision regarding our claim for discharge or re-enlistment was what caused me to be dissatisfied; we all expected it would be given in our favor.

Gunner Anderson not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any more questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,133, Gunner *John Ashford*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him (for its assembly), he is questioned as follows:— No. 6. Gunner J. Ashford.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin on the 8th January 1857, with the understanding that I was enlisted for the East India Company's service only. The serjeant who enlisted me told me that the two services were perfectly distinct; I took an oath on attestation, and I believe it to be the same as the one now read to me. I understood that I bound myself to be true and faithful to the Queen, so long as I remained in the Company's service; but since the Company has been abolished, I consider myself absolved from the oath I took. My grievance is, that I have not been given the option of enlisting or otherwise for Her Majesty, but was transferred without a question.

Gunner John Ashford not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any more questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,307, Gunner *Charles Bennett*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 7. Gunner C. Bennett.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I formerly belonged to Her Majesty's 50th Regiment, and purchased my discharge from that service; at the time I enlisted for the East India Company's service (21st March 1857), I produced my discharged certificate shortly after I joined the depôt at Warley; Colonel Leslie, the commandant sent for me; I was told that I could not reckon my previous service, although six months had not elapsed since I had obtained my discharge, because I had enlisted into a different service; had I re-enlisted into Her Majesty's, my past service would have been allowed to reckon. I now feel aggrieved at having been transferred again to Her Majesty's service; without any option in the matter, and without my former service being allowed to reckon; I do not think it right that I should be transferred without being allowed to reckon my past service. I recollect taking the oath both times when enlisting for Her Majesty's service, and again for the East India Company's service; and, to the best of my belief, the words of the oath are the same, with the addition of a little for the Company's service.

Gunner Bennett not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any more questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,257, Gunner *William Aitken*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, is called into court, and the order read to him (for the court's assembly), he is questioned as follows:— No. 8. Gunner W. Aitken.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Glasgow on the 8th November 1856, for the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the Company should so long require my service; I recollect being sworn in for the Company's service, but do not remember any mention of the Queen's name in the oath; I had intended enlisting for Her Majesty's service, but at the time they were not enlisting in Glasgow. I feel that since the

transfer of the Company to the Crown I have not been a soldier, as I have not been enlisted to serve Her Majesty. I am very willing to serve the Queen, regardless of bounty, but wish to come to an understanding, and to be regularly enlisted for the Queen's service, which I have never been, or even been given any choice in the matter.

Gunner Aitken not having any further statement to make, and the court not wishing to put any questions, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9. Gunner W. Brackenbury.

No. 8,427, Gunner *William Brackenbury*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly having been read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in London on the 9th May 1855, for the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, not exceeding 14, and was clearly given to understand that the service I was enlisting in was quite distinct from Her Majesty's; I now feel aggrieved at having been made over to the Royal service without any choice. I don't consider that I belong to the Queen's service, as I enlisted for the Company's; I am willing to continue soldiering, but I should wish to know whom I am serving, and come to an understanding about it.

Gunner William Brackenbury not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being past eight o'clock, the court adjourns till to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

Cawnpore, 18 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court assembles at 6 a. m. at the Mess House of the Artillery.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate General, all present.

No. 10. Gunner W. Biddle.

No. 9,139, Gunner *William Biddle*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him for the court's assembly, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted at Coventry on the 27th January 1857, for the Honourable East Company's service for 12 years, not exceeding 14, and now I am told that I am transferred to the Crown, in which service I never enlisted; this is my grievance; I should have wished to have had the choice of volunteering or enlisting, and of having a fresh bounty, to which I consider I am entitled; when I heard the claim for bounty or discharge was pronounced to be inadmissible, I felt aggrieved.

The attestation oath having been read over in the hearing of Gunner Biddle, he is asked whether he remembers having sworn that oath, he says that he does not think that he ever swore the oath now read to him, as he knows nothing about having to serve Her Majesty; he says that Her Majesty was mentioned in the oath but very slightly, the oath was read over to him very hurriedly by a clerk, whilst a magistrate was trying a prisoner.

Gunner Biddle not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 11. Gunner T. Campbell.

No. 9,596, Gunner *Thomas Campbell*, 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him (for the court's assembly), he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin on the 18th December 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, or 14 if required. I had previously been in the 72d Highlanders for 12 years and 231 days; having obtained a free discharge on account of having two good conduct badges; I spoke to the recruiting officer in Dublin, for the Honourable East India Company's service, about enlisting again within the six months after having obtained my discharge from the 72d. He told me that my former service would not be allowed to reckon, because the two services were quite distinct, consequently I did not enlist at the time; recruiting was not going on for Her Majesty's service at this time, or I might have enlisted with them; afterwards, being out of employment, I found it necessary to enlist, and I did so, as before stated, in 1857. I now feel aggrieved at being turned back to Her Majesty's service without being consulted about it, the more particularly so as I am not allowed to count former service, which would soon give me a claim to pension on discharge. I recollect taking the oath on attestation both times I enlisted, and that I swore allegiance to the Queen, but I do not consider the last oath I took binding, as the service for which I enlisted has ceased to exist; I think that I ought either to be discharged or be allowed to reckon my former services.

Gunner Campbell not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,152,

No. 9,152, Gunner *Robert Callan*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order read to him for the court's assembly, he is questioned as follows:— No. 12. Gunner R. Callan.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin on the 11th February 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for a period of 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company required my services for so long a period; I now hear that I have been transferred to Her Majesty's service without having been asked anything about it; on this account I feel aggrieved. I took an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and to obey the Queen so long as I remained in the Company's service, but now that the Company's service is extinct, I consider myself free from my oath, and that it is annulled. Bounty is not my object, but freedom.

Gunner Callan not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,158, *Isaac Charlton*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court and the order read to him (for the court's assembly), he is questioned as follows:— No. 13. Gunner I. Charlton.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted at Liverpool on the 23d May 1857, for the East India Company's service for 12 years, and 14 if required; the Company's service having been broken up, I consider myself entitled to discharge, and should wish to get it. I remember having taken the attestation oath, and having sworn allegiance to the Queen; also to obey her officers so long as I was in the Company's service, but I consider that the oath ceased to be binding upon me when the Company was abolished. I enlisted especially for the Company's service, being a married man, and could not have enlisted in Her Majesty's service as such; I wish to have a choice in the matter to soldier freely.

Gunner Charlton not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,438, Gunner *John Crawley*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order of the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 14. Gunner J. Crawley.

State to the court your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Belfast on the 22d June 1857, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, for the Honourable Company's Artillery, provided that the said Company should require my services for so long a period; when the Company ceased to exist I considered my contract at an end; before I enlisted I was an apprentice, and if my master had died I should have been free; I looked upon the East India Company as my master, and as that Company is now defunct, I consider myself a free man. I care not at all for the bounty, but do feel aggrieved at having been handed over without having a voice in the matter. I am ready and willing to serve Her Majesty in any part of the world, but with my own consent and not forcibly.

Gunner Crawley not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,437, Gunner *George Daniels*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 15. Gunner G. Daniels.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted at Liverpool on the 10th April 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, and 14 if required; since that the proclamation has appeared, and I have been made over to the Queen's service without my consent having been asked, as a dog or a goat sold in the bazaars and handed over to the purchaser; I feel aggrieved at this, and should wish to use my own discretion with regard to enlisting again or otherwise. I have little or no recollection of the wording of the attestation oath, but know perfectly well that I enlisted for the Company's service only; had I been asked to volunteer when the proclamation was issued, I would have done so willingly, but can't say now what I would do. Bounty money is not my object.

Gunner Daniels not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,137, Gunner *John Brien*, 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, is questioned as follows:— No. 16. Gunner J. Brien.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted at Carrick-on-Suir on the 11th December 1856, for the Bengal Artillery only, for 12 years, and 14 if required. When the East India

Company was broken up I consider I ought to have had my discharge, as my contract was at an end, instead of which I am told that I was transferred to Her Majesty's service without ever having been asked anything about it. This I don't consider fair; I am entitled to a bounty or a discharge. The attestation oath now read to me appears to be like the one I swore, but my impression is that I swore to be loyal to the Queen and to serve the Company.

Gunner Brien not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 17. Gunner W. Davis.

No. 9,488, Gunner *William Davis*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to, in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted at Glasgow on the 12th May 1857, for the Bengal Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14. My grievance is, that since the Honourable East India Company has been broken up, I consider myself no longer a soldier; I care little or nothing about the bounty, but I feel very much the way in which we were handed over, and I also thought that the authorities and the people of England would have taken more notice of us. Had we not been made so little of, and transferred without remarks of any kind, nothing would have been thought of it. My impression regarding the oath, on attestation, is loyalty to the Queen, and service to the Company.

Gunner Davis not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now eight o'clock, the court adjourns till the 19th instant, at six o'clock, a. m.

Cawnpore, 19 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court assembled at the Artillery Mess House at six a. m.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate, present.

No. 18. Gunner J. Dixon.

No. 8,038, Gunner *John Dixon*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court what the nature of your grievance is regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted in London on the 3d November 1853, for the Honourable Company's Artillery, for 12 years, and 14 if required. I recollect having taken the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, the same as a special constable might, but I don't consider that I was sworn in to serve the Queen as a soldier; I was sworn to serve the Company, which Company being now extinct, I think I am entitled to a free discharge, with the option of enlisting or otherwise. When I heard the order read out, in which it was declared that our claim was inadmissible, I felt myself aggrieved; I disliked being handed over without my own consent. The not obtaining bounty money is not the cause of my dissatisfaction. At the time of the proclamation being read, had I been asked to join Her Majesty's army, I would have done so; now I am undecided on the subject.

Gunner Dixon not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 19. Gunner E. Doherty.

No. 9,614, Gunner *Edward Doherty*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievances regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Newry in 1857, for the Bengal Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14. I feel now aggrieved at having been transferred to Her Majesty's service, without having been asked; I do not consider that I was enlisted to serve the Queen as a soldier, but only the Company. I believe that I took the oath of allegiance to bear allegiance to Her Majesty whilst serving the East India Company. My impression is, that I did not swear to serve the Queen, Her heirs, and successors, but only to bear allegiance. I felt aggrieved at having been turned over to Her Majesty's service without my own consent.

Gunner Doherty not having any further statement to make, is directed to withdraw.

No. 20. Gunner J. Fulton.

No. 7,193, Gunner *James Fulton*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your aggrievances regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I have enlisted twice in the Company's Artillery, the last time at Glasgow, on the 4th August 1851, for 12 years; I purchased my discharge after the first enlistment. I feel aggrieved at having been turned over to serve Her Majesty, and am of opinion that the oath I took bound me to serve in the Honourable East India

India Company's Artillery for 12 years, and that as long as I remained in the Company's Artillery, I owed obedience to Her Majesty, and also as a civilian I owed allegiance. The Company having ceased to exist, I think that I am entitled to my discharge, with the option to enlist or otherwise.

Gunner Fulton not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,167, Gunner *Michael Finucan*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 21. Gunner M. Finucan.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer, as alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in London in April 1857, for the Bengal Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14. I have been handed over to Her Majesty's army, a service for which I did not enlist; I had previously served in the Royal Artillery for two years and 17 days; I was discharged on reduction in 1857; enlisted again within 24 hours in the Honourable East India Company's service. Having seen several men refused their back services in the Royal army when enlisting into the Company's, I did not apply to be allowed to reckon service; I have lost that time in consequence. I wish to soldier with my own free will, enlisting or not as I please, as I don't think that, correctly speaking, I am now a soldier, although I am doing duty as such.

Gunner Finucan not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,104, Gunner *John Foley*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read. to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 22. Gunner J. Foley.

State to the court the nature of your aggrievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted at Clonmel in September 1856, for the Bengal Artillery, for 12 years. I now find myself transferred to Her Majesty's service; I have no objection to serve the Queen, but should wish to be asked for my consent, and to be enlisted for that service. I always thought the two services quite distinct. I could have enlisted in Her Majesty's service, but preferred doing so in the Honourable Company's, as I wished to come out to India, and to serve the Company. Now, that there is not any longer any East India Company's service, I wish to have my discharge, when I may enlist or not, as best suits me. I did not consider that the oath of attestation bound me to serve the Queen beyond the time I was a Company's soldier.

Gunner Foley not having any farther statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now half-past eight o'clock, the court adjourns till 6 a.m., on the 20th instant.

Cawnpore, 20 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court assembled at the Artillery Mess House, at 6 a.m.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate, present.

No. 9,499, Gunner *Henry Gale*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, is questioned as follows:— No. 23. Gunner H. Gale.

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance, regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted in London on the 30th March 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company so long required my service. I remember the oath I took quite well, and my impression in the matter is, that the moment the Company was abolished, my oath was no longer binding. I consider that I did not enlist to serve Her Majesty as a soldier, but that I took the oath of allegiance, defending and serving the Crown so long as I was a soldier. My grievance is, that I am compelled to serve against my will. I don't care about the bounty, but I think that I ought to be re-attested to satisfy my own mind.

Gunner Gale not having any farther statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 8,042, Gunner *James Greerson*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order of the court's assembly read to him, is questioned as follows:— No. 24. Gunner J. Greerson.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in 1853 for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, should the said Company require my service for that period. I don't feel satisfied about having been transferred to the Crown without my consent, and without the option of discharge or re-enlistment with bounty. I have not a very perfect recollection of the oath I took, but I believe I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, binding me not to raise arms against Her; the remainder I do not remember.

Gunner Greerson not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 25. Gunner W. Horry.

No. 9,501, Gunner *William Horry*, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in London in 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided that the said Company should so long require my service. I am perfectly satisfied to serve Her Majesty, provided I am re-attested for Her service, but I feel aggrieved at not having been asked if I was willing to serve the Queen, but on the contrary was transferred without any question.

Gunner Horry, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 26. Gunner T. Hennessey.

No. 9,424, Gunner *Timothy Hennessey*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Cork in 1857, for the Bengal Artillery, and when sworn in never heard a word about Her Majesty, or having to serve Her; consequently, I feel aggrieved at having been transferred without my consent being asked. In consequence of my not having blue clothing, I was not allowed to attend the parade when the proclamation was read; I am speaking from hearsay only, and don't even correctly know whether I have been transferred or not; but I object to be transferred.

Gunner Hennessey not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 27. Gunner M. Johnston.

No. 9,515, Gunner *Michael Johnston*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Glasgow in 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, and two more if required; I have no wish to give up soldiering, but I should like to be regularly enlisted to serve the Queen without regard to bounty; I don't feel satisfied about this transfer, but continue to serve the authorities in India until the matter is settled. I don't feel much aggrieved, being quite satisfied with my treatment as a soldier, but would wish to be re-attested.

Gunner Johnston, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 28. Gunner J. Joyce.

No. 9,675, Gunner *James Joyce*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Dundee in 1857, to serve in the Bengal Artillery for 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require my service. My grievance is, that I am now serving in Her Majesty's service, for which I never enlisted. My impression regarding the oath I took, on attestation, is, that I had to obey Her Majesty's officers so long as I remained in the Company's service; there being no longer any Company's service, I don't consider myself a soldier. I have a brother in the line, who wanted very much to be transferred to the East India Company's service: he applied to his commanding officer, and I asked the commandant at Warley about it; and we were both told that it could not be done, so distinct were the two services.

Gunner Joyce not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now half-past eight o'clock, the court adjourns till to-morrow, at 6 a.m., 21st instant.

Cawnpore, 21 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Court assembled at the Artillery Mess House, at 6 a.m.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate present.

No. 29. Gunner W. Lloyd.

No. 9,321, Gunner *William Lloyd*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—A. I enlisted at Liverpool in 1856, to serve in the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, or for such further terms, not exceeding two years, as might be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station. I don't feel

feel satisfied at having been turned over to Her Majesty's service in the way I have been without my consent. I am willing to continue serving, as bounty has nothing to do to my grievance, but I wish to be regularly enlisted for Her Majesty's Indian army. My impression is, that I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and the oath now showed to me is, to the best of my belief, the one I took when attested; but I only consider it binding so long as I continued serving the East India Company. I engaged to serve the East India Company agreeably to my attestation only so long as the said Company required my services.

Gunner Lloyd not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,691, Gunner *Adolphus Lamartz*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly being read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 30. Gunner A. Lamartz.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Bristol in October 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, and now I feel aggrieved at having been handed to the Queen's service without having been asked; I offered myself for Her Majesty's service, but on having given my age as 26 I was not taken; I then enlisted for the Company's service, when there was no question about age. Having been refused as a recruit, I consider that I cannot now be claimed as a soldier. On reading the oath of attestation now shown me, I believe it to be the one I took, but only consider it binding so long as I remained in the Company's service. I am quite willing to serve the Queen, in fact, glad of the opportunity of doing so, regardless of any bounty, but I should like to be regularly enlisted for Her Majesty's service, and not transferred to it.

Gunner Lamartz not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 7,332, Gunner *Felix M'Quady* of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 31. Gunner F. M'Quady.

State to the court the nature of your grievance, regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Enniskillen on 9 March 1852, for the East India Company's Artillery; now I am given to understand, that I have been transferred to Her Majesty's Indian army, as it is called, without my consent; I feel aggrieved at the way in which I have been turned over; I think that, as the East India Company, in whose service I enlisted, has ceased to exist, I ought to have my discharge, with the option of enlisting in Her Majesty's service or not, as I pleased; I care little about the bounty, and am not dissatisfied in any way about the service, but I think that my consent should be asked in the matter of the transfer.

Gunner M'Quadey not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,524, Gunner *James M'Carley* of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 32. Gunner J. M'Carley.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Glasgow in November 1856 for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company should so long require my services; I have now been transferred to the Crown; I don't feel satisfied about it; I consider that my agreement is up, or rather that my time of service as a soldier is up, as I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which I am told is now defunct. I don't care about bounty, but I wish to have my mind satisfied. I understood, that I had to obey all officers of Her Majesty's service whilst serving in the Company's service, but during that time only.

Gunner M'Carley not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

Gunner *Thomas Murray* of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 33. Gunner T. Murray.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Coventry in December 1856, for the East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, not exceeding 14; I feel dissatisfied at having been turned over to the Queen without being re-enlisted. The East India Company having been made away with, I think I ought to get my discharge. I remember taking the attestation oath, but I only consider it binding as long as the Company stood good; I feel chiefly aggrieved at the transfer without my consent in any way having been asked.

Gunner Murray not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 34. Gunner M. M'Evoy.

No. 9,327, Gunner *Martin M'Evoy* of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Athy in October 1856 for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, or not more than 14; now I am turned over to Her Majesty's Indian army, a force which did not even exist when I enlisted; I feel aggrieved at this; I should have been asked, I think, whether I wished to have been transferred to Her Majesty's service or not. To the best of my belief, I never took the oath shown to me; I feel certain that I did not swear to serve Her Majesty, but merely took the oath of allegiance; although doing soldier's duty, I don't consider that I am any longer a soldier, as I enlisted to serve the Company which no longer exists.

Gunner M'Evoy not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now 8 o'clock, the court adjourns till the 23d instant, at 6 a. m.

Cawnpore, 23 May 1859.

Pursuant to Adjournment, the court assembled at the Artillery Mess House at 6 a. m., 23d instant.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate, present.

No. 35. Gunner P. Naughten.

No. 9,202, Gunner *Patrick Naughten*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted in Dublin in August 1856, for the Honourable East India Company's Infantry, and at Warley, several months afterwards, was allowed to volunteer for the Bengal Artillery, for which branch of the service I was regularly enlisted anew; my grievance consists in having been transferred to the Queen's service, for which I did not enlist; I enlisted, as I thought, specially for the Company's service, and agreed to serve the Queen so long as the East India Company existed. I would as soon serve the one as the other, if asked, but should wish to have my choice in the matter. The oath now shown to me is, to the best of my belief, the one I swore when I enlisted.

Gunner Naughten not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 36. Gunner T. Phillips.

No. 8,004, Gunner *Thomas Phillips*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Gloucester, in June 1853, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company should so long require my services; my grievance is, that I have been made over to Her Majesty's service without being consulted. As the Company in whose service I enlisted is defunct, I think I ought to have a choice of going home, or of re-enlisting, as I pleased.

You have about six years' service to count, should you obtain a free discharge, which you now seem to be so anxious to get, in the event of the re-enlisting, would you consider yourself entitled to reckon your back services?—I don't think that I should have a claim to reckon past service, but I should expect to get it if I enlisted again for Her Majesty's service.

Gunner Phillips not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 37. Gunner J. Ryon.

No. 6,376, Gunner *John Ryon*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Tipperary in January 1849, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years; I am dissatisfied at having been given over to Her Majesty without being enlisted for Her Majesty's service; I don't remember, in the least, having sworn, it is no doubt the one, but it is long since I took it; I would as soon or sooner serve Her Majesty, but should wish to be re-attested, to satisfy my mind; but I have no real grievance, and am anxious to continue soldiering as heretofore.

Gunner Ryon not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,224, Gunner *Joseph Smith*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 38. Gunner J. Smith.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in London in February 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company so long required my services; I feel aggrieved at having been turned over to Her Majesty's service, in fact to a service which did not exist when I enlisted, viz., Her Majesty's Indian forces; I recollect reading Lord Palmerston's speech in the House of Commons before the Bill was introduced, he said if the country (India) was made over to the Crown, that in all common justice the troops belonging to the East India Company should be entitled to a free discharge, and that he hoped that they would be loyal enough to take a bounty and serve Her Majesty as they had hitherto done the Company; Lord Palmerston was then Prime Minister of England. If the 80th Regiment were ordered home to-morrow, the men could not be transferred, without their option, to Her Majesty's Indian forces, and I don't see why the soldiers of the late Company should be transferred against their will, and without bounty; my impression regarding the attestation oath is, that I was bound to keep it as long as I was serving the Company; but that on the Company becoming extinct, I was absolved from it. I recognise the oath now shown to me as the one I swore on enlisting. If I swore this oath on enlisting for Her Majesty's service, I should consider it binding, as the attestation would be different.

Gunner Smith not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,544, Gunner *Edmund Stone*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 39. Gunner E. Stone.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Plymouth in May 1857 for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services. My grievance is being turned over to a service I never enlisted for, without having been consulted; I don't care about bounty; that is not what brings me before this court. The oath now shown to me does not appear to me to be the one I took on enlisting; I swore to be loyal to Her Majesty, to obey all lawful commands, and to pay respect to all officers so long as the Company lasted; at the time of the proclamation, had I been asked, I would willingly have enlisted in Her Majesty's service, but now I am undecided, as I feel aggrieved by the late order, which states that our claim cannot be admitted.

Gunner Stone not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,755, Gunner *John Scully*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 40. Gunner J. Scully.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Kentarke in September 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14; I feel aggrieved at being handed over to the Queen without having been consulted; I acknowledge that there has not been any difference whatever made regarding my position as a soldier since the proclamation, but my mind is dissatisfied at the way I was turned over; I did not enlist for Her Majesty's service, although I swore the oath of allegiance, fidelity and obedience; my impression is, that this oath was binding on me so long as the Company existed. I think that as the Company no longer exists I am entitled to a free discharge.

Gunner Scully not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 7,257, Gunner *William Wallace*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 41. Gunner W. Wallace.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, in London, in August 1851, for a period of 12 years, not exceeding 14, provided the said Company should so long require my service; I feel dissatisfied at having been handed over without having been asked; I should wish to be re-enlisted to serve Her Majesty, but to reckon my back service, and to get bounty; I would not re-enlist unless I obtained both service and bounty.

Gunner Wallace not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 42. Gunner C. Williams.

No. 9,127, Gunner *Charles Williams*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin in September 1856, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery for 12 years; I feel dissatisfied at having been transferred to Her Majesty's service, for which I did not enlist; I would willingly serve the Queen, but should like to be enlisted for Her service. The attestation oath now read to me is not at all the one I swore on enlistment; I don't care about the bounty, but I should like my discharge, and then I would enlist. Since the proclamation there has not been any change in my condition as a soldier, but only in name.

Gunner Williams not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now half-past eight o'clock, the court adjourns till Thursday, the 26th instant, at 6 a. m.

Cawnpore, 26 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the court assembled at the Artillery Mess House, at 6 a. m., 26th instant.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate, present.

No. 43. Gunner R. Callan.

No. 6,851, Gunner *Richard Callan*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted at Southampton in May 1850, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years; I feel aggrieved at having been turned over to Her Majesty's service without my consent. The oath now shown to me is to the best of my belief the one I swore on attestation. I have no doubt but that I would continue to serve if my consent were asked. I should expect to count all past services, and to obtain a proportionate bounty. Since the proclamation was read, I have not found any difference in the service, all is as it was before; there has been but a change of name.

Gunner Callan not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 44. Gunner J. Johnson.

No. 9,513, Gunner *John Johnson*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Liverpool in May 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company should require my services for so long. I feel aggrieved at being turned over to the Queen without my own permission, as I don't belong to Her service. The oath now shown to me is, to the best of my belief, the one I swore on attestation; but I only consider it binding so long as I was in the Company's service. I have not found any difference since the Crown took over the country. I wish to have the option of enlisting for Her Majesty's service or otherwise, as I do not at present consider myself as regularly enlisted for that service.

Gunner Johnston not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 45. Gunner J. O'Connor.

No. 7,339, Gunner *James O'Connor*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order of the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Limerick in October 1851, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery. I feel now aggrieved at being transferred to Her Majesty's service from the Company's service, for which last I enlisted, without my own consent. I consider myself a free man as the Company has ceased to exist, though I am still doing duty as a soldier. I don't remember the oath I swore on attestation. I don't care about bounty, but I wish to have the option of enlisting or not, as any free man might have.

Gunner James O'Connor not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 46. Gunner J. Sharp.

No. 9,545. Gunner *John Sharp*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order

order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin in May 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, or 14 if the said Company required my services for so long. I feel aggrieved at having been turned over to Her Majesty's service without my consent. I don't recollect swearing the attestation oath now read over to me. If I enlisted again for the Queen, I could not expect to count my services past in the Company's army, the two services are so distinct. I have not found any difference in the service since the Queen took over the country.

Gunner Sharp not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,285, Gunner *Michael Dempsey*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 47. Gunner M. Dempsey.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in December 1856, at Waterford, for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 12 years; after having heard the proclamation read, I felt aggrieved at being transferred to the Queen's service without my consent; I do not recollect taking the oath now shown to me, or in any way swearing to obey the Queen. I am anxious to have my option regarding serving the Queen or otherwise, but I have not the slightest objection to serve Her Majesty; I don't care about the bounty.

Gunner Dempsey not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,377, Gunner *Daniel Wilson*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 48. Gunner D. Wilson.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Warley Barracks in May 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, having previously enlisted at Westminster in November 1856, for the East India Company's Infantry, for 10 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services. My grievance is, that I have been taken over to Her Majesty's army without my consent having been asked, as I was not enlisted for that service. It was not told me when I took the oath that I was bound to serve Her Majesty. Having read the oath, I believe it to be the one I took both times, but I don't consider it binding, as I am not attested for Her Majesty's service, but for the Company's service. If I were attested for the Queen's service, and swore the same oath again, I should consider it binding. The bounty has nothing to do with my grievance. I wish however to have my option regarding enlisting or otherwise, as I had when I enlisted for the first time. I do not think that I have any claim to reckon past services in the event of my enlisting again. Having enlisted for the Company's Infantry, I was transferred to the Artillery, but entering with my own consent, and on a new attestation, and a second oath, I am of opinion, that I should have the same option if I am to be transferred to the Queen's service.

Gunner Wilson not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,261, Gunner *Edward Butler*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order of the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 49. Gunner E. Butler.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Westminster in November 1856, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years. I don't feel satisfied at having to serve Her Majesty without being enlisted afresh, and receiving a bounty. The oath now shown to me is, to the best of my belief, the same I swore on attestation, but I do not consider it binding on me beyond the time I remained in the Company's service. If I enlisted for Her Majesty's service, which I am willing enough to do, I would expect to reckon my service in the Company's army, and to get a proportionate bounty. My grievance dates from the time I heard the proclamation read.

Gunner Butler not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,211, *John Patterson*,* of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order of the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 50. Gunner J. Patterson.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Westminster in April 1857, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company required my services for so long. I feel much aggrieved at having been transferred from the service of the late Honourable East India Company to that of Her Majesty, without my own consent. The oath now shown to me is, to the best of my belief, the same that I swore on attestation, but as I am attested for the Company's service, I consider that I am not bound by that oath after the Company has ceased to exist. I dare say I might have enlisted

* A prisoner, under escort.

enlisted for the Queen's service, but when I became a soldier, recruiting for Her Majesty's service was not being carried on. As the Company has ceased to exist, I no longer consider myself a soldier, and I did refuse to do duty; I am now willing to do my duty, if allowed, as the other men are doing. The court now sitting to investigate the cause of grievances, has in some manner satisfied me, a decision regarding our claims will now be given again, and this will be a final decision. Had I been asked to take service with Her Majesty, at the time of the proclamation was read, I would willingly have done so, as I glory in soldiering; I don't know what I might do now.

Gunner Patterson not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw

No. 51. Gunner E. Bryan.

No. 3,986, Gunner *Edmund Bryan*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Clonmel in August 1856, for the East India Company's Artillery, for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14, if the said Company required my services so long; I have been discontented ever since I heard the proclamation read, handing me over to the Queen's service without my own consent; I am willing to serve Her Majesty, but wish to have a choice in the matter. The oath now shown to me does not appear to me to be at all the one I swore on attestation. The Company having ceased to exist, I consider myself a free man; I know that I would not reckon my past service in the Company's army, but feel entitled to a full bounty.

Gunner Bryan not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

It being now past 8 o'clock, the court adjourns till the 27th instant, at 6 p.m.

Cawnpore, 27 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment, the court assembled at the Artillery Mess House, at 6 a.m., 27th instant.

President, Members, and Judge Advocate, present.

No. 52. Gunner T. Treverton.

No. 9,364, Gunner *Thomas Treverton*, of the 3d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted at Cardiff in October 1856, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, should the said Company so long require my services; I feel very much aggrieved at having been handed over to Her Majesty's service, without my consent; as long as the Company in whose service I enlisted existed, I consider myself equally bound to serve the Queen, but when the Company was done away with, I felt myself no longer to be a soldier, as my contract had ceased; I am perfectly willing to await the decision regarding our claim, doing my duty as a soldier in the meantime. I probably might enlist in Her Majesty's service, but I wish to have my choice in the matter.

Gunner Treverton, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 53. Gunner P. Kinsillo.

No. 7,783, Gunner *Patrick Kinsillo*, of the 3d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:—

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted in Dublin in March 1853, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, should the said Company so long require my services; I don't feel myself compelled to serve the Queen unless re-attested, as my agreement with the late Company said nothing about the Queen in the event of the Government being transferred; second, I feel aggrieved that the late Company's troops have not the same privilege of volunteering to other corps the same as the soldiers of Her Majesty's regiments ordered home have had; third, I have sent in an application to be transferred to one of the new cavalry regiments, to which I have not received any reply, although I applied in February. The men of Her Majesty's 10th, who were mounted, had the privilege of volunteering to the Light Cavalry. I consider my contract with the Company at an end, and that I ought to be able to choose any corps I liked to serve in. I wish to enlist, or to continue serving in the cavalry.

Gunner Kinsillo, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 8,884, Gunner *William Wigan*, of the 3d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 54. Gunner W. Wigan.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Bristol in January 1856, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, should the said Company so long require my services; I feel aggrieved at having been transferred to the Queen's service without my consent, as when the Company, in whose service I enlisted, became defunct, my services became defunct likewise, and were no longer required; the Company not existing, the contract was at an end. I recollect taking the oath now shown to me, but I only considered it binding as long as I was in the Company's service. I have already lodged money for my discharge, and therefore would not wish to enlist again. I am satisfied to remain in the service until a decision be known, and then to abide by it.

Gunner Wigan, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

No. 8319, Bombardier *William Marriott*, of the 3d Company, 5th Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 55. Bombardier W. Marriott.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order which you have heard read?—I enlisted in London in March 1854, for the Honourable East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years, not exceeding 14, should the said Company so long require my services. I formerly served in Her Majesty's 98th Regiment (for five years and 346 days), and re-enlisted within six months of having obtained my discharge by purchase. I have applied for my past services to be allowed to reckon, but was not allowed to count it, as the two services were perfectly distinct. I now consider, that, as I am again a Queen's soldier, that I am entitled to reckon that service.—(*Bombardier Marriott here produces his parchment certificate of discharge "character good", which is read in court.*)

Bombardier Marriott, not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

The court adjourns till Monday morning, 30th instant, to enable the Deputy Judge Advocate General to make a fair copy of the proceedings, as well as to give time to any men who may be in hospital, and who wish to appear before the Court.

Cawnpore, 30 May 1859.

Pursuant to adjournment the court assembled at the Artillery Mess House, at 6 a. m.

President and Members and Judge Advocate present.

No. —, Gunner *James Morris*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 56. Gunner J. Morris.

Q. State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—*A.* I enlisted at Kilkenny in September 1857, for the East Company's Artillery for 12 years. I have been transferred to Her Majesty's service without my consent; I have no objection to serve the Queen, but wish to have an option in the matter. The oath now shown to me is, to the best of my belief, the one I took when I enlisted, but I do not consider it binding upon me now that the Company has ceased to exist. Did I enlist for the Queen's service I should consider the same oath binding, as I should then be attested for that service; I have nothing to complain of; there has not been any change in the service since the proclamation, except in name. I felt dissatisfied when the late order, "pronouncing our claim to be inadmissible," was published.

Gunner Morris not having any further statement to make he is directed to withdraw.

No. 9,573, Gunner *James Appleyard*, of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, Bengal Artillery, being called into court, and the order for the court's assembly read to him, he is questioned as follows:— No. 57. Gunner J. Appleyard.

State to the court the nature of your grievance regarding the transfer alluded to in the order you have heard read?—I enlisted at Liverpool in February 1857, for the East India Company's Artillery, for 12 years. I feel aggrieved at having been turned over to the Queen's service without my consent; I have no objection to Her Majesty's service, but should wish to have my choice regarding serving the Queen or otherwise. To the best of my belief the oath now shown to me is not the one I took on enlisting. My grievance dates from the time I heard the proclamation read in Lucknow.

Gunner Appleyard not having any further statement to make, he is directed to withdraw.

The court having ascertained that there are not any more of the men belonging to the Cawnpore Division of Artillery (which consists of the 2d Company, 3d Battalion, and 3d Company 5th Battalion) willing to appear before them, close their proceedings and adjourn till further orders.

S. T. Christie, Colonel,
Lieutenant Colonel 80th Regiment, President.
Gravenor Kirby, Lieutenant Colonel Bengal Artillery. } Members.
W. H. Ryves, Captain, Adjutant of Lucknow. }

C. F. Browne, Colonel, Deputy Judge Advocate General, Conducting the Proceedings.

J. Inglis, Major General, Commanding Cawnpore Division.

Cawnpore 30 May 1859.

(No. 2458.)

MEMORANDUM.

FORWARDED in original by desire of the Commander in Chief for the perusal of the Judge Advocate General.

The early return of the proceedings is requested, in view to their transmission to Government.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 17 June 1859.

(No. 700.)

FORWARDED by desire of the Commander in Chief to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 18 June 1859.

Enclosure 31, in No. 18.

Encl. 31, in No. 13.

(No. 5.)

To Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Sir

Berhampore, 29 June 1859.

MY last letter, No. 4, gave an account of proceedings up to 6 p. m. of the 28th instant, soon after that hour the regiment paraded under arms the men last returned to duty without them. The ranks were opened, and every man minutely inspected by myself, square was then formed, and a few words of advice addressed to the whole.

The men were clean, steady, and attentive, exhibiting a bearing far exceeding what I could have expected.

My time has been so fully occupied in the constant endeavour to restore discipline, that I have not yet been able to forward a list of men whose cases require to be dealt with by court martial and superior authority; this is now being completed, and will be forwarded without delay.

All applications for courts martial are, of course, sent in to Major General Hearsay; matters progress favourably.

I have, &c.
K. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

(No. 41.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to Lieutenant Colonel *Kenneth Mackenzie*, C. B.; dated 1st July 1859.

Sir,

Military Department.

WITH reference to your reports of the progress of affairs at Berhampore, of which No. 5, dated 29th ultimo, was received this day, I am directed to suggest to you, though it may perhaps have already occurred to yourself, that it will be necessary to deal with the cases of men, such as Private Marshall, and the others who (so far as credit may be attached to unofficial reports received from Berhampore), took a prominent part in the stand made by the

the discontented men of the 5th European Regiment, in a very different manner from the bulk of the men who promptly returned to duty after your arrival; and that the 39 men who hesitated to render prompt obedience will probably require to be specially dealt with.

I am, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
1 July 1859.

EAST INDIA (EUROPEAN TROOPS).

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 17 February 1860;—*for*,

"COPY of PAPERS connected with the late DISCONTENT among the LOCAL EUROPEAN TROOPS in *India*."

India Office,
20 March 1860.

W. E. BAKER, Colonel,
Military Secretary.

(Mr. Kinnaird.)

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Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*,
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PART II.

— No. 19. —

No. 19.

MILITARY LETTER from Fort William, dated 9 July 1859, No. 99.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter, No. 95, of the 2d instant, we have the honour to transmit for your Lordship's information further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut, up to and including a portion of the 24th day's sitting.

Amongst the enclosures will be found the further reports of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, on the 5th European Regiment, in which matters appear to be progressing satisfactorily.

The Court of Inquiry has completed its proceedings, but they have not as yet reached us. They will hereafter be forwarded for your Lordship's information, when received from the Commander in Chief, to whom they have been sent by Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, whose letter of the 6th instant, among the enclosures, particularises the nature of the complaints and representations made by the men.

The ship accounts of the men will be brought to an early settlement. The claims of those amongst them who tended horses on board the "Malden" from the Cape, are now under our consideration, and will be reported on.

We also transmit, for your Lordship's information, copy of a confidential circular issued by the Commander in Chief to officers commanding divisions, relative to the trial of men guilty of insubordination or other crimes connected with the excitement, which led to the issue of our General Order of the 20th June, No. 883.

We have, &c.
Canning.
J. Outram.
H. B. Harrington.

Enclosure 1, in No. 19.

(No. 342.)

To Major General Sir *W. R. Mansfield*, K. C. B., Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters, Simla.

Encl. 1, in No. 19.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour of informing you that telegrams to the following effect have this day been despatched to you.

9th June.

I inspected the 3d Madras Europeans this morning.

Not a complaint of any kind; everything orderly and soldierlike.

I have ordered the Court of Inquiry to assemble, to record the former complaints made by the men on the Bounty question.

I have, &c.
G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters, S. F. D. Camp,
Jubbulpore, 9 June 1859.

(No. 346.)

To Major General Sir *W. R. Mansfield*, K. C. B., Chief of the Staff, Army Head Quarters, Simla.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report my arrival at this station, and my inspection of the 3d Madras Europeans this morning. The soldierlike and respectful demeanor of the whole regiment was all that could be desired. Not a complaint was made on each company being questioned, and the men appeared quite contented that the officer commanding the

regiment had listened to their alleged grievance, and to his assurance that the same should be forwarded to the highest military authority in India.

Each soldier had been directed by Colonel Shubrick to forward, countersigned by the officer commanding his company, a written statement of his grievance, and the same, amounting to 249, were forwarded to me.

I considered it necessary now, however, to publish his Lordship's order dated Kussowlie, 5th May 1859, and which I read to the regiment on parade, at the same time appointing a special Court of Inquiry, composed of experienced officers, as per margin,* to make full inquiry into any and every complaint the soldier might have, regarding his transfer to the Crown, against his consent, for this is the general grievance.

The measures pursued by Colonel Shubrick to bring back the men to a proper sense of their duty, the judicious forbearance exercised by that officer proved most successful, and I am much gratified to have it in my power to report that discipline has been fully established.

Although I have the greatest confidence in Brigadier MacDuff, now commanding here, and in Colonel Shubrick, I still considered it my duty to visit Jubbulpore, that I might be able to report to his Lordship, from personal observation, the real state of the feeling of the corps.

I have, &c.
G. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters, Saugor F. D., Camp,
Jubbulpore, 9 June 1859.

(No. (721.)

FORWARDED to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

By Order of the Commander in Chief.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

A. G. Office, Head Quarters,
Simla, 22 June 1859.

Enclosure 2, in No. 19.

(No. 732.)

Encl. 2, in No. 19. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Commander in Chief to transmit, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, copy of letter dated the 31st ultimo, with enclosure from Lieutenant General Sir P. Grant, K.C.B., Commander in Chief Madras Army, relative to the instructions issued by his Excellency for the guidance of officers commanding divisions in that Presidency, should any ill-feeling manifest itself among the European troops of Her Majesty's Indian Forces.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head Quarters, Simla,
24 June 1859.

From Lieutenant General Sir *P. Grant*, K.C.B., Commander in Chief Madras Army, to Major General Sir *William R. Mansfield*, K.C.B., Chief of the Staff, dated Madras, 31 May 1859.

Sir,

IN acknowledging the receipt this day of your letter, No. 25, of the 13th instant, I beg you will communicate to the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief in India my best thanks for the copy of the instructions conveyed to general officers commanding divisions in the Bengal Presidency for dealing with any cases of discontent occurring amongst the European troops of Her Majesty's local army on the occasion of the transfer of the Indian services to the direct control of the Crown.

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* President :—Brigadier Macduff, commanding 2d Infantry Brigade and Jubbulpore.
Members :—Colonel G. Nott, 19th Madras Native Infantry; Major Ludlow, Chief Engineer, Saugor and Nurbudda Territories; Major Mayne, the Judge Advocate General, to conduct proceedings.

In anticipation of the probability of such feeling being manifested in this Presidency, I took the precaution of addressing a confidential circular to officers commanding divisions and separate forces, conveying instructions for their guidance; and I now do myself the honour to enclose a copy of that circular, for the information of Lord Clyde.

On the occasion of the troops at Bangalore being paraded, to celebrate the Queen's birthday, on the 24th instant, the 1st Madras Fusiliers were observed not to cheer, and when called upon to state whether they had any complaints to prefer, some few of the younger soldiers represented that they considered themselves entitled to either discharge or bounty, as they were bound only to serve the East India Company, and were not liable to be transferred to the Queen's service without their own consent being first obtained.

Lieutenant General Beresford, in accordance with my previous instructions, as contained in the circular, explained fully to the complainants the unreasonableness of their expectations, and by the exercise of his usual great tact and experienced judgment, the regiment has been restored to a state of contentedness and perfect good humour. The conduct of the men throughout was thoroughly respectful.

A few complaints of a similar nature were preferred by some men of the 2d European Light Infantry, and in like manner satisfactorily disposed of by Major General Budd, commanding the southern division of the Madras army.

No complaint or representation of this nature has been made by any soldier of the Madras Artillery.

I have, &c.

Patrick Grant, Lieutenant General,
Commander in Chief Madras Army.

(Confidential.)

(No. 2694.)

From the Adjutant General Madras Army, to the Officer Commanding Southern Division, dated Fort St. George, 16 May 1859.

Sir,

As it appears that some few of the soldiers of the late Company's service are impressed with the idea that, according to the terms of their attestation, they can claim their discharge, consequent on the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown, the Commander in Chief directs me to request that, should it come to your knowledge that any such feeling exists among the European troops of Her Majesty's Indian forces serving under your orders, you will be good enough, clearly and temperately, to explain to such men that, by the oath in the annual Mutiny Act, pages 182–83, soldiers who enlisted to serve the East India Company bound themselves equally to serve Her Majesty. They took, in fact, identically the same oath as the recruits of Her Majesty's British army, with an additional clause, binding them also to serve the East India Company. It is clear, therefore, that the transfer of the Indian army to the Crown does not absolve the soldiers of that army from the oath they took on enlistment, "to observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs, and successors, and of the generals and officers set over them." The change of Government so far from imposing any additional obligation on the soldier of the late East India Company, absolves him from so much of his oath as obliged him to serve that Company as well as Her Majesty.

2. Subjoined are copies of the two oaths: viz., that taken by the recruit before the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown, and which has been in force since the year 1830, and the present oath: should this not satisfy any party of the untenableness of his claim, refer him to his attestation, impressing upon him the important fact that, after due consideration of the question in all its bearings, it has been finally decided by the highest authorities that the claim made to discharge, or re-enlistment with bounty, is utterly inadmissible.* Act 23, March 1840, c. 7.

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* G. O. G. 29th April 1859, No. 164. The following General Order by the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council is republished:

General Order by the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.

Fort William, the 8th April 1859. No. 480, of 1859.—Upon the recent transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the immediate service of Her Majesty, under the provisions of the Act 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106, certain European soldiers of the East India Company's forces having claimed their discharge, or their re-enlistment anew in the Queen's service, with fresh bounty, the subject was brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and referred to the Law Officers of the Crown.

His Excellency the Viceroy, and Governor General of India in Council, has now to announce to the European soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces in the three Presidencies, who were formerly in the service of the East India Company, that Her Majesty's Government have finally decided that the claim made to discharge, or re-enlistment with bounty, is inadmissible.

FORM of Oath taken by the Recruit before the Transfer of the Government of Ind a to the Crown:

I DO make oath, that the above questions have been separately put to me; that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave, and are true.

I do also make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown, and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me; and that I will also be true to the said East India Company, and will duly observe and obey all their orders, and the orders of their generals and officers who shall be lawfully set over me. So help me God.

Present Oath.

I do make oath, that the above questions have been separately put to me, that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave, and are true.

I do also make oath, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown, and dignity, against all enemies, and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me. So help me God.

3. You will not of course say anything on this subject so long as the men themselves do not moot the question; but, in the event of any case arising calling for the exercise of your authority, his Excellency trusts that you will deal with it calmly, but firmly and with discretion, making, of course, an immediate report of the same to this office for the Commander in Chief's information.

I have, &c.
W. G. Woods,
Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 3, in No. 19.

MESSAGE by Electric Telegraph.

Encl. 3, in No. 19.

From Simla.—From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta.—To the Military Secretary to Government of India.

26 June 1859.

INSTRUCTIONS had been sent to divisions to confine men guilty of misconduct, but to await further orders, that is, till the Commander in Chief is aware of the publication of Government order.

When the Government order arrives, instructions will be sent for the trial of men guilty of insubordination. The time of so doing to be left to the discretion of officers commanding stations under orders of officers commanding divisions.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 4, in No. 19.

(No. 2714.)

Confidential Circular.

Encl. 4, in No. 19.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Simla, 29 June 1859.

Sir,

THE General Order by his Excellency the Governor General in Council, No. 883, dated 20th June 1859, having been put in circulation, the Commander in Chief assumes that you are about taking steps to carry out the instructions conveyed in my confidential circular, No. 2191 of the 7th instant.

2. I am now desired by his Excellency to direct your attention to the treatment of those men who may have from time to time been placed in confinement in the division under your orders, in consequence of insubordination or other crimes connected with the excitement which has led to the Governor General's order.

3. Considering the course which it has appeared expedient to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council to pursue in these matters, in concurrence with the Commander

mander in Chief, Lord Clyde desires that there may be no further appearance of temporising with actual misconduct. Every man who has been guilty of any crime as above alluded to will be put upon his trial, either by general, district, or other court martial, as may appear expedient, according to the particular nature of the crime he may have committed.

4. It is advisable, however, not to proceed to such trials immediately at any station where there may be any extraordinary excitement resulting from the Governor General's order. If there be no extraordinary excitement after the Governor General's order has been read, and time allowed for its comprehension by the men, the trials may proceed. But in the exceptional cases where, according to your judgment, or that of the Brigadiers under your command, a short delay may seem advisable, you will report by telegraph and ask for instructions.

5. Should any man have been confined on matters arising out of intercepted correspondence, you will ask for orders before proceeding to trial.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To the Officer Commanding.

Enclosure 5, in No. 19.

(No. 6.)

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Calcutta.

Encl. 5, in No. 19.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that nothing of consequence has occurred since my letter of yesterday (No. 5) was forwarded to you. It requires both time and care to arrange the crimes and evidence of men now in confinement, before sending application for trial to the Major General commanding the Division.

At present there are twelve (12) prisoners, including the three men held over by order of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, and out of the nine others, applications for trial of three are already in the possession of Major General Sir John Hearsey, K.C.B.

I would suggest the advisability of some officer of the Judge Advocate General's Department being sent here, as it is, in my humble opinion, an important point that no man should be brought to trial who is not almost certain of being convicted, and that the trials should take place as quickly as possible.

I have, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 30 June 1859.

(No. 57.)

From the Secretary to the Goverment of India to the Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir,

IN a letter of the 30th ultimo, Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, on special duty at Berhampore, writes as follows: Military Department.

"I would suggest the advisability of some officer of the Judge Advocate General's department being sent here, as it is, in my humble opinion, an important point that no man should be brought to trial who is not almost certain of being convicted, and that the trials should take place as quickly as possible."

With reference to this, his Excellency the Governor General in Council requests that the general officer commanding the Presidency Division may be directed to send a competent officer to Berhampore without delay.

The nature and time of the trials will of course depend upon such instructions as Sir J. Hearsey may have received, or may yet receive from the Commander in Chief.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
4 July 1859.

(No. 58.)

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to Major General Sir J. Hearsey.

By order of his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Enclosure 6, in No 19.

(No. 7.)

Encl. 6, in No. 19.

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that no unusual occurrence has taken place during the last 24 hours. The different corps in garrison were mustered this morning at sunrise. The cases of the ringleaders and two others have this day been forwarded to Sir John Hearsey.

The daily defaulters of the 5th Europeans I see individually myself; but I find it a difficult task to administer justice to soldiers who for some time previous had been so strangely dealt with, and I believe do not realise the gravity and consequence of military crime.

I endeavour to interfere not more than is absolutely necessary, as it is a matter of primary importance to restore confidence between officers and men, which I very much fear is not the case.

I have, &c.

K. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,

Berhampore, 1 July 1859. Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 7, in No. 19.

(No. 8.)

Encl. 7, in No. 19.

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that everything continues quiet.

The Court of Inquiry has nearly concluded its duty, and when it has, I will immediately forward it to the Adjutant General of the Army, for the purpose of being laid before his Lordship the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.

Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,

Berhampore, 2 July 1859. Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 8, in No. 19.

(No. 8A.)

Encl. 8, in No. 19.

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 30 June and 1 July, and beg to inform you that the 39 men, who at first hesitated to render prompt obedience, continue still to be deprived of their arms. With regard to Private Marshall and others, the reports that were current in Calcutta I have all along been unable to establish in the smallest degree.

It appears that Marshall came from the 2d Fusiliers, and it is stated that he had previously been discharged from more than one of Her Majesty's regiments for being wrong in the head.

From what I have seen of him myself, and been able to gather from others, he does not appear to have any influence over the men, but has been very quiet ever since my arrival here, and was among the first to return to duty.

I have, &c.

Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,

Berhampore, 2 July 1859. Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 9, in No. 19.

(No. 9.)

Encl. 9, in No. 19.

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir,

THIS being Sunday, the troops at the station were marched to church in the usual way, and good order and regularity have prevailed during the day.

I have, &c.

Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,

Berhampore, 3 July 1859. Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 10, in No. 19.

(No. 10.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta. Encl. 10, in No. 19.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Court of Inquiry will finish its proceedings to-day.

The applications for all men to be tried have been sent to Major General Hearsey, and he, no doubt, will take immediate steps for having them brought to trial.

The number is 10, in addition to the three men remanded by order of his Lordship the Commander in Chief.

I have, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 4 July 1859.

Enclosure 11; in No. 19.

(No. 134.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army. Encl. 11, in No. 19.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you:— Military Department.

"The Commander in Chief is aware of Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Mackenzie having been sent to assume command at Berhampore, and to act in direct control of the 5th European Regiment. Colonel Mackenzie finds his task too great, and desires to see some officer appointed to command the regiment, while he shall himself command the station, and keep the corps under his supervision. Will the Commander in Chief direct that Captain Slater or Captain Fenwick shall assume command of the regiment, or will his Lordship send down some experienced officer to command it?"

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
5 July 1859.

Enclosure 12, in No. 19.

(No. 11.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir, Berhampore, 5 July 1859. Encl. 12, in No. 19.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have been obliged to devote great part of this day to perusing the Proceedings of the Court of Inquiry, which consists of 178 pages, and the cases of 310 men.

As there are some statements affecting the officers, I have given them the opportunity of making any remarks they may wish, which shall be done at once, and the whole forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army.

I have, &c.
K. D. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 13, in No. 19.

(No. 13.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Military Department, Calcutta.

Sir, Berhampore, 6 July 1859. Encl. 13, in No. 19.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith copy of letter, No. 12, dated 6th July 1859, to the address of the Adjutant General of the Army, from which you will perceive that the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry have this day been sent to army head quarters.

I have, &c.
K. D. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

To Adjutant General of the Army, Army Head Quarters, Simla.

(No. 12.)

Sir, Berhampore, 6 July 1859.

I HAVE the honour to forward proceedings of the Court of Inquiry, assembled at Berhampore, to investigate the statements of the soldiers of the 5th European Regiment.

2. It will be seen that the majority of the men wish for their discharge.

3. Several men complain of not having been satisfactorily settled with at Warley before embarkation. They state that their pocket ledgers were given to them just before leaving, and that they were not allowed an opportunity of being heard.

4. Three men complain of having been kept in the guard-room at Berhampore for a long period, viz., Privates John Hartley, Thomas Flynn, and John Masser. These men I found in confinement on my arrival, with orders from the Commander in Chief to remain so, their trial being deferred.

5. Several men, who came to this country in the ship "Jalawar," state that they had short rations during part of the voyage, and have never received compensation.

6. Several men, who arrived in November last, state that they have not yet received their clearances on board ship.

7. It appears that the ship "Maldon" touched at the Cape, and that those who were employed as grooms thence to Calcutta have never been remunerated for looking after the horses.

8. From personal examination, both by myself and Court of Inquiry, some of the entries in the men's pocket ledgers have the appearance of having been changed from Company's to Queen's service.

9. I believe Private Marshall, whose petition is annexed to Court of Inquiry, to be not in a sane state of mind.

10. While the Court was sitting, the officers commanding companies were present to hear the men's statements, and have had an opportunity of stating to me anything they thought right in explanation, which I have myself entered in the margin.

11. The complaints relative to pay have, in a great measure, arisen from circumstances over which the officers here had no control, and I have written to Lieutenant Colonel Burroughs, commanding depôt at Barrackpore, to rectify matters so far as he is concerned, and also to the Town Major, Calcutta.

12. The proceedings of Court of Inquiry are this day forwarded by post in four packets, marked No. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

I have, &c.

K. D. Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 14, in No. 19.

(No. 617.)

Encl. 14, in No. 19. COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla.—From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

IN reply to your message, dated 5th July, evening, Commander in Chief knows at present of no available officer experienced in management of European corps for command of 5th Europeans. His Lordship begs Colonel Mackenzie may be left to settle whether Captain Slater or Captain Fenwick should command.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Department,
8 July 1859.

Enclosure 15, in No. 19.

Encl. 15, in No. 19. (No. 328.—Confidential.)

To Lieutenant Colonel *K. Mackenzie*, C.B., Commanding at Berhampore.

Sir,

Military Department. ON receipt of your letter, No. ——, dated the instant, a message was despatched from this department to head quarters, requesting the Commander in Chief to appoint Captain Slater

Slater or Captain Fenwick, of the 5th European Regiment, to command that corps, or to send down some experienced officer to assume the command.

In a message received this day, the Commander in Chief desires that it may be left to you to settle whether Captain Slater or Captain Fenwick shall command the regiment.

I am directed to request that you will acquaint me confidentially, for the information of Government, which of these two officers you consider the fittest for the command, on which a further communication will be made to you.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
8 July 1859.

Enclosure 16, in No. 19.

(No. 383.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to the Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of the Army. Encl. 16, in No. 19.

Sir,

WITH reference to my letter, No. 57, dated the 4th instant, desiring that the Major General commanding the Presidency Division might be requested to send to Berhampore an officer of the Judge Advocate General's Department, I am directed to acquaint you that it having been intimated in a letter, dated the 4th instant, from Lieutenant Colonel K. Mackenzie, commanding at Berhampore, that that officer has transmitted to Division Head Quarters the papers connected with the cases of such men of the 5th European Regiment as he considers liable to trial for their misconduct, it no longers appears to Government to be requisite that a Judge Advocate should be sent to Berhampore. But the Major General will form his own judgment on that point. Military Department.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
8 July 1859.

Enclosure 17, in No. 19.

Encl. 17, No. 19.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS of the Court of Inquiry at *Meerut*.

SEVENTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Saturday*, 28 *May* 1859—continued.

Private *C. Donovan* (a native of Cork, a carpenter, attested at Cork on the 1st April 1858), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General— 258th Complainant, Private C. Donovan.

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* I enlisted to serve the East India Company for the Light Cavalry for 12 years, or for 14 if they so long required my services, and now they can't require my services, and I don't see the justice of handing me over to Her Majesty without my consent.

And what object have you in view in complaining about it?—My discharge, sir.

Would you take it if you had the choice. Are you tired of soldiering?—Most willingly, sir. I don't like soldiering at all, and I don't wish to stay in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—The first part is quite unlike my oath, and them words in the last are not what I took; the form was different.

Was there anything about Her Majesty, Her generals and officers in the oath you took?—There was about Her Majesty, to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, but nothing about obeying her generals and officers, that I recollect.

Any further complaint to make?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Donovan* (a native of Dungarvon, a moulder, attested at Dungarvon on the 23d August 1858), is called into court and asked by the Judge Advocate General— 259th Complainant, Private J. Donovan.

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint, sir. All that I want is to be enlisted over again with a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years or 14 if required.

Anything about bearing allegiance to the Queen in the oath?—No, sir.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

260th Complainant, Private J. Dunn.

Private *J. Dunn* (a native of Waterford, a cooper, attested at Liverpool on the 15th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have got no complaint to make, sir; but I wish to get home if I possibly could, as I have been very bad in this country.

You are now a soldier; how do you expect to get home?—Why, as the Company is broke up, I expect to get home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I left it at Liverpool.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required.

Anything at all about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, nothing that I remember.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

261st Complainant, Private W. Dunlop.

Private *W. Dunlop* (a native of Glasgow, a farrier, attested at Glasgow on the 5th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, or so long as the said Company required my services, and as the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or another bounty.

And which would you like to have of these two?—My discharge, sir, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took (*Complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services. There was nothing about obeying Her Majesty, except to be loyal to Her.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

262d Complainant, Private W. Ellis.

Private *W. Ellis* (a native of Birmingham, a gunsmith, attested at Birmingham, on the 27th February 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, I want to get to England again, if I can.

What makes you think of going to England, you have enlisted to be a soldier?—Yes, sir, but I enlisted under the East India Company.

Are you tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

263d Complainant, Private W. Fahy.

Private *W. Fahy* (a native of county Galway, a nail maker, attested at Gort, on the 6th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Company's service, and I thought I'd have to put up my time with them, but now they're broken up I wish for my discharge or a fresh bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—Well, I'd sooner take my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, not that I know of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

264th Complainant, Private J. Garrity.

Private *J. Garrity* (a native of Staffordshire, a labourer, attested at Wolverhampton on the 25th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Beg your pardon, sir, but all I have to say is, that I listed for the East India Company for the the term of 12 years, and as the Company is broke up I look for my discharge.

Would you take your discharge, if you had the choice?—Yes, sir.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, in this country at least.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or more if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath: nothing at all.

Anything further to say?—No, sir, no more.

[Withdraws.

265th Complainant, Private D. Hayes.

Private *D. Hayes* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 13th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now I understand the Company is expired, and I want to be re-enlisted, with a fresh bounty, or else go home.

Which would you choose if you had the choice?—Rather go home if I had the chance, but I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested, look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—No, not the first part of the oath, I took the last part of the oath, to serve the East India Company.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

266th Complainant, Private M. Hanlon.

Private *M. Hanlon* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Nenagh, on the 26th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up, I look for my discharge, or a fresh bounty. I'd take my discharge if I had the choice.

Are you tired of soldiering already?—No, sir, but I am of this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took the oath to serve the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, as far as I can understand there was not.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

267th Complainant, Private J. Hallington.

Private *J. Hallington* (a native of Birmingham, a labourer, attested at Solihill, on the 27th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, I listed for the Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and as I believe they don't require my services now, I think I am entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if it was offered, you?—Yes, sir, I'm tired of soldiering in this country. The country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required.

Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir, nothing at all that I'm aware of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

268th Complainant, Private H. James.

Private *H. James* (a native of Birmingham, a steel-tie maker, attested at Bristol on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed into the East India Company's Light Cavalry, and I believe, sir, now the Company's broke up, and they have no further claim on me.

And what object have you in complaining now?—I should like to be re-attested, sir, but if there was any chance of going home, I should like to do so, as the country don't agree with me at all.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I recollect some little about the first, and remember when I was taking it I told the serjeant I was enlisting for the East India Company, and he said it was all the same, and that all persons who got situations under Government were obliged to take that oath, and that it was only the oath of allegiance to the Queen. I took the last part of the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

269th Complainant, Private J. Kellett.

Private *J. Kellett* (a native of Tewkesbury, a spindle turner, attested at Bolton, on the 12th April 1858), called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if the said Company should require it, and I wish to be re-attested with a fresh bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I took the last.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

270th Complainant, Private P. Kelly.

Private *P. Kelly* (a native of Dublin, a silk weaver, attested in Dublin on the 14th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All I have to say, sir, is, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company, as I understand, is broke up, I look for a fresh attestation or a free discharge, and I'd take my discharge, if I had the chance.

Tired of soldiering?—I don't much like it in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, but I did the last.

Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, nothing.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, I have not. [Withdraws.

271st Complainant, Private M. Keenan.

Private *M. Keenan* (a native of county Armagh, a weaver, attested at Armagh on the 3d May 1858) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have to say, sir, that I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is done up, I want to be attested with a fresh bounty, or to get my discharge.

If you had the choice of those two, which would you take?—Why, sir, I would rather go home, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—It was all about the Company, there was nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

272d Complainant, Private M. Lawler.

Private *M. Lawler* (a native of county Longford, a stone-cutter, attested in Dublin on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company on the 1st January last year, and there was no talk then of the Company being turned over, but I heard on parade on the 2d of this month that we were turned over to Her Majesty, and I never took an oath to serve Her Majesty, and if a prentice is bound to one master he cannot serve two, and I think the Queen has no claim on me, and that I am a free man.

If you were told you were a free man, as you say, what would you do?—I'd go home, sir.

Are you tired of soldiering?—No, sir; but when I came out there was a brother of mine in the Sappers, and I thought I should be able to join him, but he was killed at Delhi, and I should like to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—This, the first part, is not the oath I took. I took the oath of allegiance to be a loyal subject of Her Majesty and not as a soldier; the last part is like the oath I took.

Was there nothing about obeying Her Majesty's generals and officers in the oath you took?—No, sir, the Honourable East India Company's generals and officers.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

273d Complainant, Private C. Langtree.

Private *C. Langtree* (a native of Essex, a clerk, attested at Cardiff on the 20th April 1858) is called into court and questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and now the Company is defunct, and as they cannot require my services, and I think I am entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, and go home.

Tired of soldiering?—No, sir, not particularly, but I'd prefer going home if I had the chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath not in those words, the last is nearer what I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company and to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty. There was nothing about Her Majesty's generals and officers, I am sure, in the oath I took.

Supposing I showed you your signature in proof of your having taken the entire oath, both the first and the second part, what would you say then; would you think yourself entitled to your discharge?—I am quite sure I never took that oath, but if it could be proved that I took that oath I should be quite reconciled. I have never objected to serve Her Majesty. I am proud to serve Her Majesty, but I don't like the way I am turned over.

Have you anything further to say?—No, sir, nothing particular.

[Withdraws.

The court adjourns at half-past 4 p.m., till Monday next, the 30th instant, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

EIGHTEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Monday*, 30 *May* 1859.

THE court assemble at 11 o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as on Saturday.

Private *H. Lucas* (a native of Staffordshire, a labourer, attested at Walsall, on the 29th October 1857) is called into court, and questioned by the Judge Advocate General:— 274th Complainant, Private H. Lucas.

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* Well, sir, I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company is broke up I think myself a free man.

What is it you want now?—My discharge, sir; I'm tired of soldiering. The country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the East India Company; nothing about Her Majesty to my recollection.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Loft* (a native of Armagh, a shuttlemaker, attested at Porterdown on the 5th August 1858) is called into court, and asked by Judge Advocate General:— 275th Complainant, Private J. Loft.

What's your complaint?—All I got to say is, that I listed for the Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company is broken up I think I am entitled to my discharge or a bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice of discharge or bounty?—Discharge, sir. I'm not very strong, and the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and to bear true allegiance to the Queen.

Anything about obeying Her Majesty's generals or officers?—I don't remember, sir.

Anything further to say?—No.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Murray* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow, on the 20th March 1858) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 276th Complainant, Private J. Murray.

What's your complaint?—Being attested to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, now the Company's no more.

What is your object in complaining now?—I want my discharge. I can't say I'm tired of soldiering, but my health is not good.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, at Glasgow.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant can read very little*)?—Not the whole of it, but as far as I recollect it was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years. I don't recollect there being anything about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Metcalfe* (a native of Preston, a barber, attested at Blackburn on the 3d January 1858) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General— 277th Complainant Private J. Metcalfe.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, when I joined the service I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and took no oath of allegiance to Her Majesty; and I should like to have my choice of discharge or fresh bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—I don't know yet.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

[The attestation paper is examined and found by the court to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.]

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the whole of this oath, not that part about obeying Her Majesty's generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. McGrillan* (a native of Belfast, a tailor, attested at Belfast on the 10th November 1857) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 278th Complainant, Private P. McGrillan.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company and I want to get my discharge or be re-enlisted over again.

And which would like best if you had the choice?—I don't know, sir. I'm willing to go on soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*),?—I took an oath for the East India Company, nothing else that I recollect. Nothing about Her Majesty in it that I know of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

279th Complainant, Private McIntyre.

Private *J. McIntyre* (a native of Glasgow, a compositor, attested at Glasgow on the 8th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Well, sir, having left my attestation with my father prior to my departure from Caledonia, I cannot rightly say what my attestation is, but I believe it's the same as that of my comrades who enlisted at the same time, and that I was attested to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 should the said Company so long require my services. Hence arises my grievances, seeing that I enlisted for the East India Company for the said term, shouldn't, as a loyal subject of Her Majesty's by birth, be termed a subject loyal to Her Majesty by servitude, through this transfer of the Company to the Crown puzzles, and blinds my understanding, to say expressive, with a patriot's feelings, that it is inconsistent with true British principles to turn over a human blood with goods in such transfer. I therefore, sirs, until my conscience runs clearly through the channels of mine own understanding, by my perceivings of a reasonable claim, I until such time shall consider myself as entitled to a fresh bounty or free discharge.

Which of those would you take if you had the choice?—Discharge, sir.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes; I am tired of soldiering, but if I were to remain a soldier I should like a commission.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—As far as I can recollect at random, I took the last part of the oath. I know nothing about the first.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

280th Complainant, Private W. Porter.

Private *W. Porter* (a native of county Armagh, a weaver, attested at Porterdown on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and I believe the Honourable East India Company is done up, and I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance. Tired of soldiering?—I'm not tired of soldiering, except in this country, and I'd take my discharge if I had a chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't remember it, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

281st Complainant, Private W. Price.

Private *W. Price* (a native of Birmingham, a button-maker, attested at Birmingham on the 24th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, gentlemen, I listed for the term of 12 years to serve the East India Company, and as the Company is no more, I think myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were told you were a free man?—Well, sir, I haven't made up my mind, but I would go home if I had the chance, and not enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

282d Complainant, Private J. Price.

Private *J. Price* (a native of Bristol, a ropemaker, attested at Bristol on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. Now the Company's broke up, I wish for a fresh bounty or discharge?

And which would you take if you had the choice?—I would take my discharge; I am tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, I can't tell exactly.

Anything about Her Majesty in it?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

283d Complainant, Private J. Pring.

Private *J. Pring* (a native of Lambeth, a leather-dresser, attested at Bristol on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty.

And what is your object in complaining now?—Why, sir, I should like my discharge if I could get it, but if not, I should like to be re-attested.

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Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—None of the first part, but I took the last. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

284th Complainant, Private P. Reardon.

Private *P. Reardon* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 17th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Nothing to say, sir, only that I listed for the East India Company.

And what's it you want now?—I want a bounty or discharge, sir.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—Well, I don't know just yet.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I am not quite sure of it.

Was there anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

285th Complainant, Private P. Shea.

Private *P. Shea* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 28th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I'd like my discharge, but I'm not tired of soldiering. I have a brother in Her Majesty's 13th, and wouldn't mind going to him, or remaining here if he came to me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company, sir. I forget whether there was anything about the Queen, but I am willing to serve my Queen and my country too, sir.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

286th Complainant, Private G. Simmonds.

Private *G. Simmonds* (a native of Leamington, a carpenter, attested at Birmingham on the 11th November 1857,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and I consider I am entitled to my discharge, or a fresh bounty. I'd rather take my discharge, as I have a wife and two children at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to be true and loyal to Her Majesty, but not to serve Her. I did'nt take the first part of the oath in those words. I took the last part.

Anything further to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

287th Complainant, Private J. R. Smallwood.

Private *J. R. Smallwood* (a native of Caernarvonshire, a draper, attested at Shrewsbury on the 17th May 1858,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Just the same as the remainder, sir. I enlisted to serve the East India Company, and I have an objection to the way in which I have been transferred.

And what is it you wish?—I wish for my discharge.

Tired of soldiering?—Not tired of soldiering, but the climate does'nt agree with me, and I'd like to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

[The attestation paper is examined by the court, and is found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.]

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Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I took an oath to serve the East India Company, like the last.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Nothing that I'm aware of.

Supposing I was to show you your signature in proof of your having taken the first part of the oath, what would you say then?—Why, I should be obliged to submit.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

288th Complainant, Private S. Thomas.

Private *S. Thomas* (a native of Bristol, a labourer, attested on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up I look upon myself as a free man from the Queen.

And what would you do if you were told you were a free man?—I'd work, sir, for my bread. I am tired of soldiering, for a soldier has so many masters to plea .

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, they asked me, sir, if I was free and willing to serve the East India Company; and they asked me if I was Her Majesty's subject, and I said I was. There was nothing about serving Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

289th Complainant, Private J. Tyler.

Private *J. Tyler* (a native of Chatham, a labourer, attested at Warley on the 26th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I've got to say, sir, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and I never took no oath, nor no nothing for no Queen.

What is it you want now?—Why, sir, I have been in the country only about 14 months, and I haven't had more than five months' good health, and I'd like to get out of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath, and kissed the book, to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

290th Complainant, Private J. Fernan.

Private *J. Fernan* (a native of Bolton, a flymaker, attested at Manchester on the 13th February 1858,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company, and now the Company is dissolved, I [redacted] be re-attested.

Have you your attestat[redacted]paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what [redacted]ath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking any part of this oath.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—Why, I should be obliged to submit, of course.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

291st Complainant, Private F. Vallarly.

Private *F. Vallarly* (a native of Portertown, a weaver, attested at Armagh on the 5th November 1857,) is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

And what object have you in complaining of this?—I think I ought to be attested over again, or have my discharge.

Which would you choose, if you had the choice?—I don't know, sir; but I haven't had three days' health since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never got one.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company. There was nothing that I remember about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

292d Complainant, Private O. Welsh.

Private *O. Welsh* (a native of Drogheda, a weaver, attested at Dundee on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and now the Company has ceased to exist I think I am a free man.

And what would you do if you were a free man?—Well, sir, I might enlist over again, or I might not.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I don't remember taking any oath like that, any part of it, though there was something about the Company.

Suppose I showed you your signature to your original attestation in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I could swear I never signed to that; but, of course, if you showed me my signature I must submit. But I wasn't sworn in properly, and never kissed any book, or signed my name to anything. There were 16 of us before the magistrate when I was attested, and we were asked if we were willing to serve in the Company's European Light Cavalry, and we said yes, and held up our hands, but I signed nothing whatever in the magistrate's room. The only signature I made was the recruiting serjeant asked me if I could sign my name, and I said yes, and wrote my name on a piece of blank paper.

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Anything further to say?—Nothing, except that I don't like being handed over to the Queen without being attested over again.

[Withdraws.

293rd Complainant, Private J. Walsh.

Private *J. Walsh* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 27th October 1857), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

Have you any complaint to make; if so, state it?—I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I think I am entitled to my discharge or a bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—My discharge, sir; I am not tired of soldiering, but the country doesn't agree with me, but I'd be willing to stay if I got my wife out.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Not all of it. I forget, but there was something about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

294th Complainant, Private S. Ward.

Private *S. Ward*, (a native of London, a printer, attested at Southwark, on the 4th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and the Company having finished, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance. Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I would. I'm not tired of soldiering, but the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3 *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking that oath; I don't remember anything about Her Majesty.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—Why, sir, if my signature was shown to that oath, I must submit, if was my own handwriting.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

295th Complainant, Private R. Williams.

Private *R. Williams* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company's cavalry, and not for the Queen: I went by the Company's regulations, and as the Company is done away with, I don't think anybody else has a claim upon me.

And what is your want now?—To get a free discharge, or a fresh bounty.

Which would you take if you had the chance?—I'd take a bounty, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking that oath.

Supposing I showed you your attestation paper, with your signature, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say?—I don't know, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

296th Complainant, Private J. Williamson.

Private *J. Williamson* (a native of county Armagh, a labourer, attested at Armagh on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for the 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is no more, I think myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were told you were a free man?—I'd go home; I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath for the East India Company, no other that I can recollect; there was nothing about the Queen that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

297th Complainant, Private H. Wilson.

Private *H. Wilson* (a native of Greenwich, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 25th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I've got to say is, that I enlisted for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge or fresh re-enlistment.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—Discharge, sir. I'm not tired of soldiering, but the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath for the East India Company; no other that I recollect. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath that I recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

298th Complainant, Private P. Wood.

Private *Patrick Wood* (a native of Belfast, a boot-closer, attested at Liverpool on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I want to get a re-enlistment or a free discharge, as I hear the Company is turned over to Her Majesty.

Which would you take, if you had the choice?—My discharge, sir. I'm not tired of soldiering, but this country does not agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the East India Company; there was nothing about Her Majesty in it, that I recollect.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

299th Complainant, Private William Young.

Private *William Young* (a native of Essex, by trade a collar and harness maker, attested in London on the 8th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 years if required, and now the Company is no more, I should like a re-enlistment or free discharge.

Which of them would you take if you had your choice?—Discharge, sir; I havn't been well in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, I did the second.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I shouldn't say I was entitled to my discharge then.

Any more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

300th Complainant, Private J. Hayes.

Private *John Hayes* (a native of county Limerick, a shoemaker, attested at Limerick on the 20th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:

What's your complaint?—I am not willing to serve the Queen without being re-enlisted or a free discharge.

Why not?—I didn't list to serve the Queen; I'd take my discharge if I had the chance, as I don't like this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Right Honourable the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

(There being no more complainants in the A. Troop, the Court proceeds to inquire into the complaints of the B. Troop.)

301st Complainant, Corporal J. Moss.

Corporal *J. Moss* (a native of London, a watch-glass maker, attested at Liverpool on the 14th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I was enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is broke up, as I was told in the proclamation, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or a bounty. I would take a discharge if I get it, as the country doesn't agree with my health, but I'm not tired of soldiering otherwise.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I can't say about the first, that I took the whole of it. I took an oath to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty. I took the oath about the Company, or something like it.

Supposing

Supposing I showed you your attestation paper, with your signature, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I should like to see it. I am just certain I didn't sign it, but I don't think it affects me even if I did sign it.

Why should'nt it affect you?—I don't see what I have to say to the Queen's service when I listed for the Company.

You know that you are in the same position as you were before the transfer of the Company's army to the Crown, and that you are in exactly the same position that you would be had you still been called a soldier of the Company, instead of as you are now, a soldier of the Royal Indian Army?—No, sir, I didn't know this.

(The clause of the Transfer Act affecting the Indian army is read and explained to the complainant, who says that he wasn't aware of this, but it isn't in his small book, and that it is not generally known to many of the men of his troop and of the regiment, who have talked about not getting such good clothing and other things that they would have done under the Company.)

Examination resumed.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

302nd Complainant, Private W. J. Birch.

Private *W. J. Birch* (a native of Manchester, a boilermaker, attested at Staley Bridge on the 17th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, and as the Company is broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had a chance; are you tired of soldiering?—Why, to tell you the truth, I have never had a day's health since I have been in the country, and I'd like to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*complainant reads a little. The oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath; I took the second.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

303rd Complainant, Private C. Bullock.

Private *C. Bullock* (a native of Bath, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 9th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All I've got to say, sir, is, that I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or free discharge.

And which would you take if you had your choice?—Well, sir, if they gave me a fresh bounty I wouldn't mind taking it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Why, I took an oath to be true to the Queen and Her successors, but I really forget about what it was I did say.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

304th Complainant, Private J. Conway.

Private *J. Conway* (a native of county Mayo, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 3d of November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and as there's no East India Company now, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had your choice?—Yes, sir.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir. I have had quite enough of it in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the East India Company, Her heirs and successors.

And why should you think you are entitled to your discharge if you took an oath to serve the heirs and successors of the Company?—Why, sir, a grocer who sells a pound of sugar takes just the same oath as I did.

Did you take any oath to serve Her Majesty?—No, sir, nothing but what I told you.

But a grocer doesn't take an oath to serve the Company; have you anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

305th Complainant, Private M. Currie.

Private *M. Currie* (a native of county Mayo, a piecer, attested at Blackburn on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company, and as this Company is done away with, I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir; I got ill since I came to this country, and have been a great deal in hospital.

Have you your attestation paper?—It is at home, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company. I have sworn nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

306th Complainant, Private W. Cray.

Private *William Cray* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 16th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the Company is done away with, I think myself a free man.

If you were told you were a free man, what would you do?—I would do as I did before. I'm not tired of soldiering in a cold climate, but I don't believe in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, I was the worse for liquor when I went before the magistrate, and I don't remember the oath.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

307th Complainant, Private J. Cronin.

Private *J. Cronin* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 20th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir; I'm always in bad health since I came to this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath for the Honourable East India Company. There was nothing, that I know of, about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

308th Complainant, Private J. Dooley.

Private *J. Dooley* (a native of Dublin, a dyer, attested in Dublin on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, the Honourable East India Company being abolished, and according to what I was attested for, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had a chance?—Yes, sir, I have had enough of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir,

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took part of this, about allegiance to Her Majesty; but all civilians take this. I took that about the Company.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I don't know, sir.

Anything further to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

309th Complainant, Private D. Doherty.

Private *D. Doherty* (a native of Liverpool, a carter, attested at Liverpool on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All I say, sir, is, that I listed for the East India Company, and I wish to have my right as well as every other man.

What would you consider your right?—My discharge, sir, and I would take it if I got it. I'm sick of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—My friends got it at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—It is so long since I can't tell whether I took the first part of the oath or not; I took the last part.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

310th Complainant, Private J. Dake.

Private *J. Dake* (a native of Wexford, a servant, attested at Liverpool on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and not for Her Majesty; and if it was for Her Majesty it would be so in my small book; and I want the same as my comrades; I want my discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—I should if I was sent home free, and I think I am entitled to this.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

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Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take my oath about Her Majesty, I did about the Company.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I shouldn't know what to say in this case, but I must have signed it unawares.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at half-past four p.m., till eleven a.m. to-morrow.

NINETEENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Tuesday, 31st May* 1859.

THE Court assembles, pursuant to adjournment, at eleven o'clock, a.m. All present, as yesterday.

311th Complainant, Private O. Donohue.

Private *O. Donohue* (a native of county Cavan, a servant, attested at Clonmel on the 29th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Q. What is your complaint?—*A.* No complaint, sir. I enlisted for the East India Company; now its done away with, I think I'm entitled to a fresh enlistment or free discharge.

Which of them would you take if you had the choice?—My discharge; and if I got it I have no liking to listing again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant reads very little*)?—No, sir; I took an oath to serve in the East Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything about the Queen in it?—To be loyal to Her, Her heirs and successors.

Anything about obeying Her generals and officers?—I'm not sure; I can't say.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

312th Complainant, Private J. Delaney.

Private *J. Delaney* (a native of Wicklow, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 1st January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—No complaint, sir, except that I listed for the Company's service, and I wish to get a bounty or discharge.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—Bounty, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't remember the oath I took exactly, but there was nothing about the Queen in it. There wasn't a word spoken to me about the Queen, and that I'm quite sure of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

313th Complainant, Private W. Elwall.

Private *W. Elwall* (a native of Birmingham, a stamper, attested at Birmingham on the 8th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—About being turned over to the Queen when I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

What is it you want?—I want my discharge if I could get it. I have suffered a good deal since I have been in this country and am backward in my drill, but I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath and kissed the book to serve the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

314th Complainant, Private M. Feehon.

Private *M. Feehon* (a native of King's County, a nailer, attested at Nenagh on the 11th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—No complaint, sir, only that I listed for the East Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance. Tired of soldiering?—No, sir, I am not tired of soldiering, but I don't like the country, and want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to be loyal to Her Majesty. There was never a word in my oath about obeying Her Majesty's generals and officers, like as in the first part of this oath. I took the last part of the oath about the Company.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I know very well you can't show me my signature to that oath. I made my mark on't before Sergeant Murphy. I remember very well what oath I took, and I wasn't intoxicated at the time, and I know that I was only sworn to be true to Her Majesty, like any shopkeeper at home, when he takes out a license; and why was I asked if I was willing to be attested to serve the Company; why wasn't I asked if I was willing to serve the Queen, if I was to be a Queen's soldier?

You know, don't you, that you are not a soldier of the Queen like you would have been had you listed then for Her Majesty. You are just the same now as before, only you are called one of Her Majesty's Indian Army instead of the Company's?—No, I know nothing of this; nothing has ever been read out to me.

(The clause of the Act referring to the transfer of the Company's army to the Crown is here read and explained to the complainant.)

Examination resumed.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

315th Complainant, Private G. Gibbon.

Private *G. Gibbon* (a native of Worcestershire, a gunsmith, attested at Birmingham on the 28th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now there is no Company I think I'm entitled to a fresh enlistment or free discharge.

Which of those would you take if you had the choice?—I don't hardly know yet, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember when I took the oath anything being said to me about Her Majesty; only about the East India Company.

Did you sign any paper when attested?—It was signed for me, and I made my mark.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

316th Complainant, Private D. Harding.

Private *D. Harding* (a native of Wolverhampton, a brass moulder, attested at Westminster on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I hear the Company is now turned over, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance. Are you tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I am tired of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant reads very little*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There was a word or two said about Her Majesty, but I forget what it was.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

317th Complainant, Private H. Hunt.

Private *H. Hunt* (a native of Derbyshire, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I understand the East India Company has given up, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or a bounty.

Which would you take if you had the choice?—I'd rather go home, I think, but I havn't made up my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I didn't take all them oaths, sir. I took as far as allegiance to Her Majesty goes in the first part, but not the rest. I took the oath to the Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

318th Complainant, Private J. Horan.

Private *J. Horan* (a native of county Down, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I'd like to get my discharge now I hear the Company is broken up.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I'd like to go back to my own trade. I'm a tumbler.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's at home at Liverpool.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company. Nothing about Her Majesty; but I can't remember much about it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

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Private *G. Haworth* (a native of Blackburn, a weaver, attested at Blackburn on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 319th Complainant, Private G. Haworth.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up, I think I'm a free man.

What would you do if you was told you were a free man?—Why, sir, I should like to go back to my trade again.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—I had, sir, but I tore it up when I got it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company, heirs and successors, but I don't remember the oath well.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. Helseg* (a native of London, a baker, attested at Westminster, on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 320th Complainant, Private H. Helseg.

What is your complaint?—I have very little to say, sir. I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got the chance, and go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't recollect either one part of the oath, or the other, as I was in liquor when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. James* (a native of Bristol, a labourer, attested at Southampton on the 30th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 321st Complainant, Private H. James.

What's your complaint?—I listed, sir, for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now I hear the Company is disbanded, I think I am entitled to my discharge or a fresh enlistment, and I'd take my discharge if I had the chance. I'm tired of soldiering in this country; the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, I took an oath to serve the late East India Company's Light Cavalry for 12 years, and for two more if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No more to say.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Jones* (a native of Shrewsbury, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 19th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 322nd Complainant, Private J. Jones.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and I believe the Company has given up, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or re-enlistment.

Which of these would you take if you had the chance?—My discharge, sir, the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember well, but there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Kennedy* (a native of Roscommon, a dyer, attested at Manchester on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 323rd Complainant, Private J. Kennedy.

What's your complaint?—Only that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and the country doesn't agree with me at all, and I'd like to get my discharge, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath that I took except to be loyal to Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

324th Complainant, Private J. Lynes.

Private *J. Lynes* (a native of Galway, a fitter, attested at Coventry on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge now that the Company is done away with.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, my mother has it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company, there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

325th Complainant, Private J. Long.

Private *J. Long* (a native of Cork, a groom, attested at Cork on the 15th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Well, the only complaint I have to make is being enlisted for the East India Company's Cavalry, and being transferred to the Crown, without my consent.

But you havn't suffered at all by being transferred?—I'm not long enough transferred to know that.

(The complainant is informed that there is no difference whatever in the position occupied now by the late Company's army, that all their privileges as to pay and pension, &c., are secured to them by Act of Parliament, and that they are in nowise changed, to what they were before the transfer.)

Examination resumed.

What is it you want now?—Why, sir, I listed against my parents' consent, and I'm the only child, and I want to get my discharge and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, my father has it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I scarcely remember it, but there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Did you sign any paper when you were attested?—No, sir, I was never asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

326th Complainant, Private L. Leary.

Private *L. Leary* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is no more, I think I should be entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—Yes, sir.

Tired of soldiering?—Yes.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, the last is something like it; any shopkeeper would take the first part of the oath.

Did you sign or put your mark to any paper when attested?—Yes, sir, I put my mark, and it was witnessed by the sergeant or corporal.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

327th Complainant, Private A Lavero.

Private *A. Lavero* (a native of Kilkenny, a servant, attested at Liverpool on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, sir; if I could get my missus out, I should be quite satisfied, but I hope to get what's going, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

328th Complainant, Private T. Leahy.

Private *T. Leahy* (a native of Cork, a clerk, attested at Cork on the 22d March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Company's service, and I understand there is no such Company now, and I look for my discharge; and I don't think I'd enlist again if I get it, for the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the second, but not the first. There was something about being loyal to the Queen too in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private

Private *W. Lysett* (a native of Birmingham, a butcher, attested at Birmingham on the 16th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 329th Complainant, Private W. Lysett.

What is your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and now the Company's broke up, I look for my discharge, sir; and I'd take it if I had the chance, for the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, I don't remember that I can; but there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *M. Meledy* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 330th Complainant, Private M. Meledy.

What is your complaint?—My grievance, sir, is that I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company is abolished, I think I ought to be abolished too.

And what is it you want?—Why, sir, I claim a free discharge and a passage home; for I can never be a true servant of Her Majesty without being attested to serve her.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—There is one paragraph in the first part of the oath that I don't think was in my attestation, that about Her Majesty's heirs and successors, and obeying her generals and officers. I don't think I took the last part of the oath.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say then?—I don't think I signed to anything; but when I see it, then will be the time to look over it.

Anything more to say?—Why, sir, nothing more; but when a man loses a leg or an arm, the Company used to pension him for life, but Her Majesty only gives him 6*d.* a day for a short period.

(The clause of the Transfer Act relating to the late Company's army is shown and explained to the complainant, who is informed that his position and privileges as to pay and pension are in nowise changed to what they were under the Company.)

[Withdraws.

Private *J. McDermott* (a native of Mayo, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 27th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 331st Complainant, Private J. McDermott.

What's your complaint?—I think, sir, as the East India Company is no more, we are entitled to a bounty or a free discharge; and I don't know what I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if the Company should require it. There was something about Her Majesty's heirs and successors in it, but I can't remember it, it's out of my mind now.

Anything else to say?—Only that I think it's fair to give us a bounty or a free discharge.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Midmore* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 23d October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 332nd Complainant, Private J. Midmore.

What is your complaint?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if they required my services; and I want my free discharge, and I'd take it, sir, if I could get it, as I haven't had my health since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir.

Was there nothing about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Morgan* (a native of county Antrim, a labourer, attested at Porterdown on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 333rd Complainant, Private W. Morgan.

What is your complaint?—Well, sir, the Honourable East India Company is dead, or away, or wherever they be, I listed for them; and if they don't require my services, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a bounty; and I wouldn't mind taking a bounty if I had the offer, as I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—I lost it, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I was sworn to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be true to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, her heirs and successors.

Nothing about obeying her generals and officers?—No, sir, nothing of that that I heard.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more to say.

[Withdraws.

334th Complainant, Private D. Malry.

Private *D. Malry* (a native of Kerry, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I got to say that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to a discharge or fresh bounty; I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath for the Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors; but nothing about her generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

335th Complainant, Private J. Meddock.

Private *J. Meddock* (a native of Liverpool, a smith, attested at Liverpool on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company's broke I consider myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were told you were a free man?—The country doesn't agree with me, but if I got a good bounty I might stop.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect about it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

336th Complainant, Private M. Coyne.

Private *M. Coyne* (a native of Sligo, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 6th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Nothing, sir, only that I listed for the Company, and now the Company's done away with, I claim discharge or re-enlistment.

And which of them would you take if you had the choice?—I'd as lief go home, as the country doesn't agree with me very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath of allegiance to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

337th Complainant, Private T. Curran.

Private *T. Curran* (a native of Clonmel, a groom, attested at Clonmel on the 20th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—All that I've got to say, sir, is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh bounty, and I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice, but the country agrees with me very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part, but not the first.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

338th Complainant, Private R. McDonald.

Private *R. McDonald* (a native of county Antrim, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Why, sir, I took an oath to serve the Company for 12 years, and I hear the Company is abolished, and I am sure if that's the case, I am entitled to a discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice. Are you tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I would; I'm tired of soldiering in this country, because there is not much privilege for a soldier in this country.

In what respect?—Why, sir, on the march I had to eat maggotty biscuits. I got better rations at home that I do out here.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it was broke up in my haversack.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to bear due respect to the Queen, but not to serve Her

Her as a soldier without being pressed. I didn't take the first part of the oath. I took the second part.

Have you anything more to say?—Nothing more to say, only I'd like if you could give me a little information about whether we are to be allowed to go home.

(The complainant is told that it is out of the power of the court to give him any information on this point.)

Examination resumed.

Supposing I showed you your signature to your original attestation paper, in proof of your having taken the entire oath, what would you say?—I never signed any paper of that kind, I am quite sure.

[Withdraws.

339th Complainant Private D. Macdonald.

Private *D. Macdonald* (a native of Devonshire, a brushmaker, attested at Limerick on the 28th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, and as I hear the Company is defunct, I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice?—Yes, sir, I don't like soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I never took any part of that oath. I was attested to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, except that the country hasn't agreed with my health, and I want to get home.

[Withdraws.

340th Complainant, Private H. Magarity.

Private *H. Magarity* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 13th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Why, sir, the only complaint is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is done away, I think my soldiering ought to be done away.

Are you tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, this country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the Honourable East India Company, and there was nothing about Her Majesty's heirs and successors, but every body takes that oath. My father took it when he took out a license to keep a shop.

Anything more to say?—Nothing, except that I havn't got my back pay for June 1858.

(The complainant is informed that he should lay this matter before his commanding officer at orderly room.

[Withdraws.

341st Complainant, Private H. Park.

Private *H. Park* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on 8th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Well, sir, the complaint I have is, that the Company for which I enlisted is abolished, and we are turned over to the Queen. I think we ought to have a fresh enlistment or free discharge.

Which of them would you take if you had your choice?—I couldn't really tell till it came to the point.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond exactly in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember taking the whole of the first part of the oath. I swore to bear true allegiance and fidelity to my superiors. The last part of the oath I took about the Company.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

342nd Complainant, Private W. Pickup.

Private *W. Pickup* (a native of Blackburn, a piercer, attested at Blackburn on the 12th November 1857), is called in court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—When, I listed, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up I think I am entitled to a free discharge or a fresh enlistment.

Which of these would you take if you had the choice?—My discharge, sir, I am tired of soldiering, I don't like the country, it's too hot.

Have your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took oath to serve the heirs and successors faithfully, that's all the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing more.

[Withdraws.

343rd Complainant, Private J. Peel.

Private *J. Peel* (a native of Hertfordshire, a painter, attested at Lambeth, on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—When I listed, I listed to serve the East India Company; and now the Company's broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge, or be enlisted over again.

Which of these would you like, if you had the choice?—My discharge, sir; but if they were to give a bounty I might take it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember the first part about Her Majesty, and I never heard anything about generals and officers in the last part of the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

344th Complainant, Private J. Piper.

Private *J. Piper* (a native of London, a shoemaker, attested at Westminster on the 13th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and now the Company's broke up, I think I am entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance; tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, I'm tired of soldiering; I'd rather go and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Well, I can't exactly remember it now; but there was nothing about Her Majesty in it that I am aware of.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

345th Complainant, Private G. Read.

Private *G. Read* (a native of London, a brass finisher, attested at Westminster on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company, sir, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's broke up I consider myself entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, the country don't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I took the second. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

346th Complainant, Private F. Ryan.

Private *F. Ryan* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 6th November 1857, is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh enlistment; and I'd take my discharge if I had the choice, as I have very bad health, and have had enough of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East Company for 12 years, and two more if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

347th Complainant, Private J. Ritchie.

Private *J. Ritchie* (a native of Manchester, a labourer, attested at Manchester on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed, sir, in the service of the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company is done away with and abolished, I don't think they can require my services, and I consider I am entitled to a fresh enlistment or a free discharge.

Which of them would you take if you had the choice?—Why, my discharge, sir, as I am quite tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 years, and to be true to the Queen, her heirs and successors, but not to serve her as a soldier.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourn shortly after four o'clock, p.m., till to-morrow, at 11 a.m.

TWENTIETH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Wednesday, 1st June* 1859.

THE Court assemble, pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, a.m. All present, as yesterday.

Private *J. Donelin* (a native of Londonderry, a labourer, attested at Coleraine, on the 13th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 348th Complainant, Private J. Donelin.

Q. What is your complaint?—*A.* I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if they required my services.

What's your object in complaining now?—I an't fit to be a soldier, sir; I am very ill, and am always in hospital, and want my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the oath, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, and to serve her, not for 12 years, but to the end of my life if she required my services, and that I was always bound by that oath, as I understand, not to go against her, though I was discharged from the service, as much as if I was in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Robertson* (a native of Edinburgh, a brass finisher, attested in Edinburgh on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 349th Complainant, Private J. Robertson.

What is your complaint?—I have got very little to say, sir, except that I hear the Company is done away with; and I hope to get a fresh enlistment, or to have my discharge, and be sent home.

And which of those two would you take if you had the choice?—Why, sir, I wouldn't mind taking a fair bounty; but I should like to see it before me first before I made up my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't recollect the first part, but the last is something like what I took. I swore to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty too, but not to serve her as a soldier.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Smith* (a native of Shropshire, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 16th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 350th Complainant, Private J. Smith.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, sir; and I don't understand, sir, being turned over to Her Majesty when I didn't enlist for her.

And what is it you want?—To be re-attested, and I should not mind taking a good bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took part of the first, but I don't recollect well. The last part I took.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—To bear true allegiance to her, but nothing more that I can recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Shea* (a native of Kerry, a labourer, attested at Manchester on the 5th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 351st Complainant, Private J. Shea.

What's your complaint?—All that I have to say, sir, is that I listed to the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, and two more, if required, and hearing, sir, that the Company's abolished, I think myself entitled to my discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice?—Yes, sir, I am tired of soldiering, sir, in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I've lost it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't exactly

exactly remember, sir, but I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and to serve the Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

352nd Complainant, Private J. Stilwell.

Private *G. Stilwell* (a native of Berkshire, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 28th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I am entitled to my discharge, as the East India Company is disembolished, and there is no Company now.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, the country and me don't agree. I have had no health since I been in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I took the oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding two more. That was all.

Nothing about Her Majesty?—No, sir, not the least.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, but if there was anything like a good bounty I'd take it.

[Withdraws.

353rd Complainant, Private J. Styles.

Private *J. Styles* (a native of Manchester, a weaver, attested at Manchester on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company's done, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I am tired of soldiering, the country doesn't agree with me, I am well one day and sick the next.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I can't exactly tell now, it's such a long time ago. I took an oath to defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, but not to serve her as a soldier.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, but it doesn't matter whether my health is good or bad, sir, as I think I'm entitled to my discharge all the same.

[Withdraws.

354th Complainant, Private T. Souper.

Private *T. Souper* (a native of Exeter, a boot-closer, attested at Plymouth on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, gentlemen, I listed for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's declined, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh bounty, and if I had my choice, gentlemen, I'd rather take my discharge and go home, not that I'm tired of soldiering, for I've always done my duty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, but not to serve her as a soldier.

[Withdraws.

355th Complainant, Private H. Stewart,

Private *H. Stewart* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested in Glasgow on the 18th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I was listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had had the chance?—Yes, sir, I'm tired of soldiering; this country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

356th Complainant, Private W. Shinkwin.

Private *W. Shinkwin* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 27th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I haven't got much to say, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company. I understand the Company is defunct, and I consider I am entitled to be re-attested or to my discharge. I would think of which I'd take if I had the offer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

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Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took this, something like the last part of the oath, but I don't remember the first at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

357th Complainant, Private L. Sullivan.

Private *L. Sullivan* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 12th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I have nothing to say except that I consider myself entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I don't like soldiering in this country, or the way we are treated. I never get any beer. I have had none for the last three months, and only two tots of grog a day. I wouldn't soldier in this country if I got my weight in gold. I don't like the way we are treated.

Have you your attestation paper?—It is in Ireland, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, I partly do. It was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath, except to be loyal to Her and Her successors.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir, except that I should like to know if I could be transferred, if I wanted, to a corps in Her Majesty's service.

(Complainant is informed that he should make his wish known to his commanding officer.)

[Withdraws.

358th Complainant, Private P. Tobin.

Private *P. Tobin* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Nothing more, sir, except that I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done up, I think myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were told you were a free man?—Well, sir, when I could earn 1*s.* at home I could drink it without being confined for it; its very odd a man can't drink his own in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath of allegiance to the Queen, and to serve the Company as a soldier.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

359th Complainant, Private D. Tomkins.

Private *D. Tomkins* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 1st March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14; now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or a bounty.

Which of them would you like?—I don't know, sir; it depends.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't remember the first, but the last is more like what I took. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

360th Complainant, Private J. Whitely.

Private *J. Whitely* (a native of Bristol, a blacksmith, attested at Bristol on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—All that I've got to say, sir, is, that I want my discharge. I've lost my strength a great deal, and don't like stopping in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—No, sir, I can't remember anything at all about it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

361st Complainant, Private J. Whitlock.

Private *J. Whitlock* (a native of Liverpool, a stonemason, attested at Liverpool on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I enlisted, sir, for the East India Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear the Company is defunct, and I consider within myself that I am entitled to re-enlistment or free discharge.

Which of those would you take if you had the choice?—Why, if the bounty was any way passable, I wouldn't mind taking it. I'm not tired of soldiering, but in the regiment I'm in, if one man commits a fault, the whole regiment gets punished for it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took allegiance and fidelity in the first, but not the rest; I took the last part of the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

362nd Complainant, Private J. Woodford.

Private *J. Woodford* (a native of Bristol, a groom, attested at Southampton on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I have to say is, that I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I wish now a free discharge, as the country doesn't agree with my health at all, and I'm frequently in hospital.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, my friends have it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, not the first.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—Only to be loyal to Her; nothing else.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

363rd Complainant, Private M. McMahon.

Private *M. McMahon* (a native of county Clare, a cloth draper, attested at Leeds on the 24th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I have nothing of much importance, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is defunct I think I am entitled to a free discharge, and to be sent to where I came from. I know what an oath is, and think I should be perjuring my oath if I serve Her Majesty without being attested again.

Would you be quite satisfied to serve Her Majesty if you were attested over again?—Oh, that's to be considered upon, sir.

Have you your attestaaion paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the, oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know my oath well what I swore to. I never took a bit of that (the first part of the oath); the last is something more like the oath I took.

(The complainant, on looking at the oath in the Mutiny Act, violently disclaims having taken the first part of the oath, and declares that he remembers well that no part of it was read to him.)

Examination resumed.

Did you sign your name to any paper when you were attested?—I made my mark before the magistrate, and Serjeant Devaney went with me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

364th Complainant, Private W. Alvey.

Private *W. Alvey* (a native of Leicestershire, a marble turner, attested at Leicester on the 25th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company is broken up I think I'm entitled to re-enlistment or discharge; and I should like my discharge if I had the chance, as I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—I left it at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in it, to my recollection.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

There being no more complainants in the B. troop, the Court proceeds to hear the complaints of the men of the C. troop.

Private

Private *C. W. Ashton* (a native of Birmingham, a watch case spring maker, attested in Coventry on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 365th Complainant, Private C. W. Ashton.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services; and now they're broke up, and they don't require my services, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take your discharge if you had the choice?—I don't know, sir; I'm not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing in the oath at all about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *G. Chivers* (a native of Bath, a boatman, attested at Cardiff on the 26th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 366th Complainant, Private G. Chivers.

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and as the Company is given over I wish for a free discharge or a fresh bounty.

And which would you take if you had the choice?—Why, sir, I've always been on the water, and I don't know whether I wouldn't like to be in the navy:

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, as I can remember.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. C. Baines* (a native of Preston, a joiner, attested at Blackburn on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 367th Complainant, Private J. C. Baines.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, all that I've got to say is, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and as the Company is given over I think I'm entitled to a free discharge and passage home to Europe.

Would you take your discharge if you had a chance?—I can't say to that yet. If a bounty was offered to me, I might take it with some of the rest of my comrades, but I'd like it to be left to my option.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I only took the first part as regards heirs and successors, but not to Her Majesty. I took the second part to the Hon'ble East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Kane* (a native of London, a weaver, attested at Dublin on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 368th Complainant, Private J. Kane.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Hon'ble East India Company for the term of 12 years, and 14 if they require my services, and as the Company is abolished I think I am entitled to my discharge and a free passage to Europe. I don't know what I might do, whether I might enlist again, but I haven't had a day's health since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last but not the first part. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—Nothing, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Brown* (a native of Bristol, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 369th Complainant, Private J. Brown.

What's your complaint?—My grievance is this, sir, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I would take it if I got it, and go home; but I'm not tired of the country or of soldiering, and if there was any kind of bounty given I might take it with my comrades.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there was something about heirs and successors, but nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

370th Complainant, rivate J. Bright.

Private *J. Bright* (a native of London, a house painter, attested at Westminster on the 29th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Sir, I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, but if there's any bounty given I shouldn't mind taking it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years or 14 if required, and I don't like to break my oath, sir. There was nothing at all about her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing at all.

[Withdraws.

371st Complainant, Private J. Cairns.

Private *J. Cairns* (a native of Glasgow, a moulder, attested at Edinburgh on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry, and as the Company is broke up, I think I oughtn't to be obliged to serve without a fresh bounty, but I don't know that I'd take it, if I had the offer, as my health is not good.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never got one.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part I didn't take, nothing like it; I took the second part. There was nothing about Her Majesty. It was never mentioned to me at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

372nd Complainant, Private M. Carrick.

Private *M. Carrick* (a native of county Clare, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I haven't much, sir, only that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and as the Company is all done over, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge. I'd take it if I had the chance, as I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company, but there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath, that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

373rd Complainant, Private T. Cassidy.

Private *T. Cassidy* (a native of Galway, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 14th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Hon'ble East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done up I consider myself a free man. I might enlist again if there was a bounty, and my comrades took it, as I am not tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath. My oath was to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

374th Complainant, Private T. Connell.

Private *T. Connell* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 30th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have to say, sir, that I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and I am informed I am handed over to the Queen; so I hear, but I'm not sure of it.

(The Court explains to the complainant the position he occupies now as a soldier of the Indian army.)

Examination resumed.

What have you to say now?—Why, sir, I'm not discontented at all to remain if I get a bounty like the other men.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, likewise to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, no more.

[Withdraws.

375th Complainant, Private B. Coffey.

Private *P. Coffey* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have nothing to say, sir, but that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up, I think

I think myself a free man; but I might enlist again along with my comrades if I saw the bounty down before me, and it pleased the remainder.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To be loyal to the East India Company, and to defend the Queen, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

376th Complainant, Private H. Cowley.

Private *H. Cowley* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested at Dublin on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed, sir, for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broke up I think I am a free man, but I might list again if I was a civilian.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company and not to use the threatening language to Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

377th Complainant, Private P. Cherry.

Private *P. Cherry* (a native of Limerick, a tailor, attested at Liverpool on the 18th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think myself a free man and liable to a passage to Europe. I might enlist again with a bounty, but that's according how it takes my fancy.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; the last is what I took. There was not a word of Her Majesty in the oath, but I was to protect Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

378th Complainant, Private J. Commins.

Private *J. Commins* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, for 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company's broken up, I think I am entitled to free discharge to Europe. I couldn't say whether I'd enlist again if I got my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was for the East India Company; there was nothing at all about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

379th Complainant, Private J. Curtis.

Private *J. Curtis* (a native of Oxfordshire, a groom, attested in Dublin on the 5th July 1858), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I've got to say is, that I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if required, and now that the army is turned over to the Queen, I think I'm entitled to be a free man; and if I got my discharge I wouldn't enlist again, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and I won't break it; there was not a word about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

380th Complainant, Private H. Davidson.

Private *H. Davidson* (a native of Monaghan, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 3d April 1858), being called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I got nothing to say, sir, except that the Company is broke up, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

What would you do if you had the chance of getting it?—Why, I don't know, sir; the mind's not my own, and I have lost my memory since I came to this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

381st Complainant, Private J. Defflay.

Private *J. Defflay* (a native of Leitrim, a piecer, attested at Manchester on the 9th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—When I listed, sir, I was sworn in for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge to Europe, and I don't know if I'd enlist again if I got it; I might enlist again if my comrades did.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I don't know anything about the first part of the oath; the second I did take. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

382nd Complainant, Private W. Duncan.

Private *W. Duncan* (a native of Glasgow, a potter, attested at Glasgow on the 6th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14, and now the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge home. I might enlist again if my comrades did; I like soldiering very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I remember the oath I took; it was for the Honourable East India Company. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at half-past three o'clock, p.m., till to-morrow at eleven o'clock, a.m.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Thursday, 2d June* 1859.

THE Court assembles at eleven o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present, as yesterday.

383rd Complainant, Private A. Duffy.

Private *A. Duffy* (a native of Belfast, a chandler, attested at Belfast on the 2d November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All I got to say is, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company is failed, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and a passage home. I'd take my discharge if I got it; I can't ride, and am tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to the complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, I did the last.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath?—To use no traitorous words against Her Majesty, or any of the Royal Family; nothing else that I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

384th Complainant, Private J. Elliot.

Private *J. Elliot* (a native of Paisley, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 20th July 1858), being called into court, is asked:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, unless I don't think I'm liable to serve the Queen,

Tired of soldiering?—Yes, sir, in this country, and I want my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company for 12 years and not exceeding 14. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

385th Complainant, Private T. Fitzgerald.

Private *T. Fitzgerald* (a native of Waterford, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 30th October 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I think the East India Company is broke up, and that I'm entitled to get my discharge.

And would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I would. I am tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To be loyal to the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; not a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Gibbon* (a native of Shrewsbury, a labourer, attested at Shrewsbury on the 14th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 386th Complainant, Private R. Gibbon.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I believe the East India Company is broke up, and that I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, but I'd take a bounty perhaps if there was one offered, as I'm not particular about my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't have any of these oaths before me; I listed for the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty.

Did you sign your attestation?—Yes, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Garman* (a native of Glasgow, a miner, attested at Glasgow on the 12th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 87th Complainant, Private J. Garman.

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company, and they are broken up, and I think I'm a free subject. I want my discharge, and would go home if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I remember the oath I took. It was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was not a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *F. Henry* (a native of Sheffield, a tailor, attested at Liverpool on the 15th June 1858), being called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 388th Complainant, Private F. Henry.

What is your complaint?—All the complaint I have to make is, sir, that I listed for the East India Company, and I feel that I oughtn't to be turned over as I have been, as I look upon myself as a free man.

What is your wish now?—I don't like the country, sir, but I can't make up my mind now what I'd do if I got my discharge, if a bounty was given, I may take it or may not.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I deny the first part of the oath, I didn't take it, nor did I take the second either.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more to say.

[Withdraws.

Private *F. Keating* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 9th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 389th Complainant, Private F. Keating.

What is your complaint?—The only complaint, sir, I have to make is, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and as the said Company is broke, I look for discharge or a bounty, and I think I'd take my discharge if I had the chance, as I am tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath, I took nothing about allegiance.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *M. Kelly* (a native of County Clare, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 7th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 390th Complainant, Private M. Kelly.

What's your complaint?—Why, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broken up, I look upon myself as a free man, I want my discharge. I'd take it if I had the chance, and not enlist again in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath was allegiance to the East India Company, and there was nothing about the Queen, nothing about allegiance to Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

391st Complainant, Private L. Manning.

Private *L. Manning* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 11th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I don't know, sir, but I was listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now I consider myself entitled to a bounty or free discharge; and I'd take my discharge if I got it, as the country is very bad, but I'd go with my comrades, and might change my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to heirs and successors, but there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath. Everybody is obliged to be loyal to Her Majesty at home, civilians as well as soldiers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

392d Complainant, Private B. M'Nally.

Private *B. M'Nally* (a blacksmith, attested at Dublin, on the 12th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was listed for the East India Company's service, and was sworn in for them, and as the Company is broken up I'm entitled to a discharge, or re-enlistment, and I would enlist again if I had the chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it was never gave me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Honourable East India Company, and to serve with fidelity Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything else to say?—No, sir, nothing at all.

[Withdraws.

393d Complainant, Private P. M'Nally.

Private *P. M'Nally* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 10th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, sir.

Would you take your discharge if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I think I would, but I haven't made up my mind exactly.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the second part of the oath, but not the first; there was nothing about the Queen, that I know of, in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

394th Complainant, Private C. Morton.

Private *C. Morton* (a native of Athlone, a labourer, attested at Athlone on the 7th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why I have no complaint to make, sir, but I consider myself entitled to a free discharge now the Company is broke up. I don't know but I might change my mind, and take a bounty if one was offered.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to be true to heirs and successors, and to the East India Company; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

395th Complainant, Private R. Miller.

Private *R. Miller* (a native of Glasgow, a weaver, attested at Glasgow on the 6th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—When I listed it was for the Honourable East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or for 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go to the place I came from, as I've had about enough of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing whatever about the first part of the oath, the last is something like what I took. There was nothing at all about the Queen in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private

Private *O. Murphy* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 1st November 1857), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:— 396th Complainant, Private O. Murphy.

What is your complaint?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company's broke up, I wish for a free discharge, and I'd go home if I got it and work, as I'm tired of soldiering; for, since I've been in the country I haven't had a day's good health, properly to say.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if they required my services. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Murphy*, 1st (a native of Wexford, a labourer, attested at Armagh on the 5th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 397th Complainant, Private J. Murphy.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if they required my services, and as the Company has failed now, I consider I'm entitled to a free discharge, but I might enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to be true to the Company. There wasn't a word that I am aware of, of Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Murphy*, 2d (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 4th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 398th Complainant, Private J. Murphy.

What's your complaint?—The only complaint I have, sir, is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I wish to get my discharge as I haven't a day's good health, and am very anxious to get home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *A. Riley* (a native of Perth, a labourer, attested at Dundee on the 23d November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 399th Complainant, Private A. Riley.

What's your complaint?—I think, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required; I think the Company is done away with, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, I would like nothing better.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, the serjeant didn't give it to me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath; I did the second. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Payne* (a native of Birmingham, a button maker, attested at Solihull on the 26th October 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 400th Complainant, Private J. Payne.

What's your complaint?—All that I've got to say is, that I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and a passage to England; and I'd take my discharge if I got it, and not enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, her heirs and successors. Nothing about Her Majesty in the oath. I know nothing of this oath you've shown.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *G. Lees* (a native of Carmichael, a puddler, attested at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on the 28th August 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 401st Complainant, Private G. Lees.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required; and I want a free passage to go home, as I'm tired of soldiering. I wouldn't enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath was to serve the East India Company, heirs and successors; but there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

402d Complainant, Private J. Scott.

Private *J. Scott* (a native of Walsall, a locksmith, attested at Walsall on the 18th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I want a free discharge, and wouldn't list again in this country if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company only. There wasn't a word in it about Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

403d Complainant, Private P. Scully.

Private *P. Scully* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 30th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I have got to say is, that I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with, I expect my discharge, and would take it if I had the chance, as the country doesn't agree with me at all. But the mind changes, and if I see most of my comrades enlist again I might do the same.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, not in this country.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath was, to serve the East India Company; and there was nothing about Her Majesty, except that I wasn't to use threatening language towards her.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

404th Complainant, Private M. Shanahan.

Private *M. Shanahan* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 30th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's broke up, I think I should be entitled to my discharge; and if I got the chance, I'd take it, and go home, for there isn't much life in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—It's at home, in Ireland.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the Right Honourable East India Company. There was nothing that I can understand about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

405th Complainant, Private J. Smith.

Private *J. Smith* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company is done away with, I expect to get a free discharge, and I'd take it and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take any part of the first. There was nothing about the Queen when I was sworn. The second part is something like what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

406th Complainant, Private J. Smith.

Private *J. Smith* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I've got to say, sir, is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and now they're broke up I consider myself a free man.

What would you do if you were told you were a free man?—Go home. I don't want to enlist again. The country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private

Private *J. Steward* (a native of London, a brickmaker, attested in London on the 5th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 407th Complainant, Private J. Steward.

What is your complaint?—All that I have to say, gentlemen, is that I listed to serve the East India Company; and now they're broke up, I don't think anybody else has any claim on me; and I want to go home, as I've had enough of this country, gentlemen. I have suffered a great deal of sickness in it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I don't remember that ever one wa given me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in th schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The oath I swore was to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing at all about He Majesty in it.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Tavenner* (a native of Bradford, a carpenter, attested at Cardiff, on the 9th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 408th Complainant, Private W. Tavenner.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, for 12 years, or two more if they required my services; and as the East India Company is broke up they don't require my services, I think; and I'd like my discharge to go back home to the carpentering again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I know nothing about whatever. The last is something like what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *S. Thomas* (a native of Oswestry, a puddler, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne, on the 2d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 409th Complainant, Private S. Thomas.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's light cavalry; and I intended to soldier in it till I got my discharge; but if the Company doesn't require my services, I look for my discharge; and if I got it I'd see if there was any work to be had; and if there wasn't I'd enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's in England.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath. The last part is something like what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Wallace* (a native of London, a tailor, attested in London on the 29th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 410th Complainant, Private J. Wallace.

What is your complaint?—I listed into the East India Company's light cavalry, for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I heard and read at Hazareebaugh, that the Company was done away with, and I consider my contract at an end; and what I want is my discharge; and if I got it, and am in the same mind as I am in now, I should not enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I know nothing about, but the last is something like the oath I took, but it's not precisely the same, as far as I remember.

Did you sign your name to any paper when you were attested?—Not that I remember, sir.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Powell* (a native of Wolverhampton, a shoeing smith, attested at Westminster, on the 7th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 411th Complainant, Private J. Powell.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service, for the term of 12 years; and now the Company's broke up I think myself free; and if I got my disharge, sir, I should go home; for, to tell you the truth, sir, I am very nervous, and not fit to be a soldier.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the second part, but not the first; and there was nothing that I remember about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

412th Complainant, Serjeant L. Harwood.

Serjeant *L. Harwood* (a native of Warwick, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and was not attested for Her Majesty's service. I want my discharge, and I would take it if I had the chance, and go home; I wouldn't enlist again in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took, when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of the first part; the second I took. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath; nothing about bearing allegiance to her.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

413th Complainant, Private J. Thompson.

Private *J. Thompson* (a native of Dundee, a weaver, attested at Dundee, on the 11th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or two more if required; and I want my discharge, sir, and I'd go home if I got it. I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, to serve the Honourable East India Company, for 12 years, and two more if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, that I know of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

414th Complainant, Private W. Viner.

Private *W. Viner* (a native of London, a cigar-maker, attested at Westminster, on the 2d June 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, for 12 years, or 14 if required; and the Company's broke up; I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got the chance, as I've had very bad health in the country, and haven't had a bed to lie on since I left Allahabad. It was burned, on the railway by the sparks from the engine flowing on the baggage, on the way up from Allahabad to Cawnpore, and most of my kit; and I have never had any compensation for it. I spoke to the General, and he said he'd see about it; this was last month, and I haven't heard anything of it since.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never had one.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing about the first part, I took the second. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

415th Complainant, Private W. Waddell.

Private *W. Waddell* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 10th December 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's dissolved I think I'm entitled to a discharge, or re-enlistment with a bounty. I haven't made up my mind which I'd take; but if a lot of my friends remained here I might take a bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I did'nt take the first, I know nothing about it. The second part is something like what I took.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

416th Complainant, Private T. Walker.

Private *T. Walker* (a native of London, a plasterer, attested at Westminster on the 1st November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—When I listed, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to be broke up too.

And if you are broke up what would you do?—I'd go home and work for my living, I wouldn't enlist again. I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The only oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took, nothing whatever.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Mara* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 417th Complainant, Private W. Mara.

What's your complaint?—Just, sir, that I listed for the Company for 12 years or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I might take a bounty if one was offered, but I don't mean to say I would, I'd like to consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The only oath I remember taking was for the East India Company. I remember nothing whatever about the Queen. It might be, I don't recollect.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. White* (a native of Hounslow, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 418th Complainant, Private J. White.

What's your complaint?—All my complaint is that I am free to take a bounty or a free discharge. I have had my health very well, and I think the country will agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if they required my services. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *McDermott* (a native of Edinburgh, a tailor, attested at Edinburgh on the 3d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 419th Complainant, PrivateMcDermott.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14, and I don't see why I should be turned over to the Queen, like any other slave. I want a free discharge, and I don't think I'd enlist again if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, my mother has it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty, but to be true to Her heirs and successors.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

(There being no more complaints in the C. Troop, the court proceeds to inquire into the complaints of the men of the D. Troop.)

Private *J. Anderson* (a native of Edinburgh, a blacksmith, attested in Edinburgh on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 420th Complainant, PrivateJ. Anderson.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and the Company is now abolished and I'm entitled to a new enlistment or a free discharge. It's according to how my mind changes, which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years or 14 if required. There was nothing whatever about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Eves* (a native of Birmingham, a watch-hand maker, attested at Birmingham on the 21st April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 421st Complainant, Private J. Eves.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years and not exceeding 14, and now the East India Company is abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I had the chance. I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Yes, sir, to serve the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Bushill* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 422d Complainant, Private J. Bushill.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's Light Cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and that's why I object to serve Her Majesty, as I didn't enlist to serve Her Majesty, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I would go home and wouldn't enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part I know nothing of, I didn't take it. I took a part of the second. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Did you sign your name to any paper when you were attested?—No, sir, I did not.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, nothing more, sir, except that I object to serve Her Majesty. I served in the Crimea, and when I came home I got an illegal discharge.

[Withdraws.

423d Complainant, Private J. Burke.

Private *J. Burke* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 12th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I was listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if such Company should require my services, and I want to go home and get my discharge. I don't agree with this country, it is rather hot for me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, there was nothing at all like the first part said to me, but I was sworn in on the last part. There was nothing at all said to me about Her Majesty when I enlisted, but there was about 40 of us sworn in at the same time, and I didn't pay much attention.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

424th Complainant, Private W. Beattie.

Private *W. Beattie* (a native of Glasgow, a tailor, attested at Glasgow on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if the said Company required my services, and that Company is abolished, and I consider myself a free man.

What would you do if you were a free man?—I wish for a re-enlistment or a free discharge, one of the two. I haven't made up my mind at present which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty said to me. I took a part of the last. I put up my hand to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

425th Complainant, Private R. Bain.

Private *R. Bain* (a native of Lisburn, a weaver, attested at Belfast on the 27th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry, sir, for the term of 12 years, or two more if required. The East India Company is done, and I want my discharge or another bounty; but I'd think on which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath was never put to me, but I took the second. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

426th Complainant, Private T. Baynes.

Private *T. Baynes* (a native of Staffordshire, a furnace man, attested at Birmingham on the 25th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All the grievance I have is the breaking of the oath I took, and if the East India Company is broke up, I'd like a free discharge, and I'd go home and work.

What makes you think you're breaking your oath by serving Her Majesty?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. Nothing about her Majesty.

Have you your attestation paper (*complainant reads very little*)?—No, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

427th Complainant, Private P. Carroll.

Private *P. Carroll* (a native of county Cavan, a millmaker, attested at Dundee on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—When I enlisted I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14.

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What do you want?—I don't know right what it is I want. I might take a bounty or a free discharge, but I haven't made up my mind.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I never got one.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I cannot recollect what oath it was I took; there was about 15 of us in together, and some were smoking and some were cursing and swearing dreadful, and I couldn't hear what was said, and the magistrate was writing away at the table, minding his own business, and I wasn't very sober myself.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

428th Complainant, Private E. Collins.

Private *E. Collins* (a native of London, a saddle-tree maker, attested at Westminster on the 30th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—The grievance I have, sir, is that I don't wish to break the oath I have taken. I was sworn in to serve the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry.

You didn't take an oath not to serve Her Majesty, did you?—No, sir; but I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Have you your attestation paper—No, sir.

What is it you want?—Why, sir, I would like to get my discharge and go home, if I had the chance, as I had a very good trade in my own country.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

429th Complainant, Privat W. Connolly.

Private *W. Connolly* (a native of Belfast, a plasterer, attested at Belfast on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, sir, but I listed for the East India Company, and I want my discharge, if I can get it, and I wouldn't enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

430th Complainant, Private F. Davis.

Private *F. Davis* (a native of Glasgow, a puddler, attested at Glasgow on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—None, sir, except that I listed to serve the East India Company, and its abolished now, and I think I ought to have my liberty.

And what would you do if you got your liberty?—Why, I'd go to work again at home as I've had very bad health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

431st Complainant, Private R. Ginn.

Private *R. Ginn* (a native of London, a cardmaker, attested at Westminster on the 27th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I don't feel satisfied, sir, at the way I've been turned over; when I was sworn in, I was sworn in for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, provided the said Company should so long require my services, and I believe the Company is broken up, and that I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—Yes, sir, not to say that I'm tired of soldiering, but the country is too warm for me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is not the oath I took, nor is the second what I took either; I swore to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and there was'nt a word about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns about 5 o'clock, p. m., till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Friday*, 3 *June* 1859.

THE Court assembles at eleven o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present, as yesterday.

432d Complainant, Lance Corporal J. Marrin.

Lance Corporal *J. Marrin* (a native of London, a shoemaker, attested at Westminster on the 4th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* Of the manner I've been turned over to Her Majesty's service. I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years and not exceeding 14, if required, and as the Company is dissolved, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or re-enlistment.

Which of them would you take if you had the choice?—Discharge, sir. I can earn a good living at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths, neither were they put to me, sir. I was sworn to serve the East India Company for 12 years, nothing more.

You are just the same as you were under the Company; have you not the same pay and everything?—Everything just the same, sir; no difference.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

433d Complainant, Lance Corporal W. Owen.

Lance Corporal *W. Owen* (a native of Shrewsbury, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 2d November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—The way I've been turned over to the Crown. I listed for the Company; I wish for my discharge, and would go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part, not the first; I know nothing about that. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

434th Complainant, Serjeant C. Lindsay.

Serjeant *C. Lindsay* (a native of London, a labourer, attested in London on the 5th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was listed for the Company's service, and now the Company's done away with, I wish for a free discharge or re-enlistment, but which I'd take I don't know.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir; here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either part of these oaths. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in my oath; my oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years or 14 if required.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

435th Complainant, Corporal W. Bowen.

Corporal *M. Bowen* (a native of Shrewsbury, a grocer, attested in London on the 6th July 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company's Cavalry for 12 years, and two more if required, and now that the Company's broke up, I look for my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I did'nt take this oath; and there was nothing at all about the Queen in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Trumpeter *J. Marsden* (a native of Blackburn, a labourer, attested at Blackburn on the 12th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 436th Complainant, T. J. Marsden.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is demolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Would you take it if you had the chance?—That depends, sir. If there was a bounty, I might re-enlist.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The second part is like what I took. I didn't take the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Dolphin* (a native of Blackburn, a weaver, attested at Blackburn on the 10th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 437th Complainant, Private R. Dolphin.

What's your complaint?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I'd like my discharge, and I'd take it if I had the chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Anything about Her Majesty in the oath you took?—No, sir, nothing at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir,

[Withdraws.

Corporal *W. Jones* (a native of Coventry, a watch maker, attested at Coventry on the 28th October 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 438th Complainant, Corporal W. Jones.

What is your complaint?—I swore to serve the East India Company, and I wouldn't stay, if I could help it, as I could do better at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I couldn't swear positively to the last part, but I didn't take the first part. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *T. Donelan* (a native of Drogdeda, a weaver, attested at Dundee on the 11th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 439th Complainant, Private T. Donelan.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted, sir, for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. I want a free discharge or a bounty, and I'd consider awhile about it, if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I never took an oath at all, sir. I held up my hand when I was answering some questions that were put to me, and I don't consider this legal.

And what were the questions. Was there nothing about Her Majesty said to you when you held up your hand?—Several questions, sir, whether I was willing to serve the East India Company, but there was nothing said about Her Majesty, and I never said anything or touched pen or paper.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Dyer* (a native of Blackburn, a piecer, attested at Blackburn on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 440th Complainant, Private J. Dyer.

What is your complaint?—I've not much complaint. I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I look for free discharge, and I'd go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath, but I don't remember what it was, but there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Edwards* (a native of Longford, a carpenter, attested at Little Warley on the 23d March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 441st Complainant, Private W. Edwards.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away with, I want my discharge.

Would you take it if you got it. Tired of the country?—Yes, sir, and go home. Soldiering and me fell out, sir, the first day I landed in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was not a word of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

442d Complainant, Private P. Fahey.

Private *J. Fahey* (a native of county Galway, labourer, attested at Gort on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have nothing to say, sir, but that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required, and I want a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company. There wasn't a word of Her Majesty in it, as far as I know.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

443d Complainant, Private M. Hennessy.

Private *M. Hennessy* (a native of Kilkenny, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I look for my discharge, and I'd take it if I'd got it. I was formerly in Her Majesty's service, in the Land Transport Train, and when I came home I got an illegal discharge, but I have no objection to serve Her Majesty again.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix, C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths was put to me, and there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

444th Complainant, Private J. Hynes.

Private *J. Hynes* (a native of Tralee, a shoemaker, attested at Tralee on the 2d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I wish for my discharge, and I'd take it and go home, and work if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. Not a word about Her Majesty was in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

445th Complainant, Private J. Greer.

Private *J. Greer* (a native of Sligo, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 4th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and I'd like to get my discharge, sir, and go home. I am tired of soldiering, sir, already.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took. Some of it is right, but not much of it. The first part of it is not at all like. There was nothing at all of Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

446th Complainant, Private W. Houston.

Private *W. Houston* (a native of Edinburgh, a tobacconist, attested in Edinburgh on the 31st October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, like the rest of the men, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I look for my discharge, and I'd take it if I could get it, as I haven't had a day's health since I landed in this country, and I was never ill in Edinburgh.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Why, sir, to tell the truth, when I went to be sworn there was 11 of us, and some were intoxicated, and I was intoxicated too, and I don't know what oath I took or whether I took an oath at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Johnson* (a native of Lancaster, a labourer, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne, on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 447th Complainant, Private W. Johnson.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's burst, I look for a free discharge, or a bounty, I don't care which. I am not tired of soldiering and don't dislike the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to be true to the East India Company. Nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Moore* (a native of Armagh, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 30th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 448th Complainant, Private J. Moore.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear the Company is abolished, and I look for my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *M. Jones* (a native of Manchester, a piecer, attested at Manchester on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 449th Complainant, Private M. Jones.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; but I'd consider if there was a fresh bounty offered.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I never took either of these; I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and there was nothing said about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. McGinnis* (a native of Sligo, a piecer, attested at Bolton on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 450th Complainant, Private J. McGinnis.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I want my discharge, and I'd go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. Robinson* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 3d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 451st Complainant, Private H. Robinson.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company's service for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I want my discharge, and I'd go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Nothing about Her Majesty?—Nothing at all; not a hap'orth, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *F. Logan* (a native of York, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 452d Complainant, Private F. Logan.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the space of 12 years, or 14 if required. Now the East India Company's broke up, I claim a free discharge or a fresh enlistment.

And which would you like to have offered to you?—I might take a bounty if my mind changes.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I remember that I was sworn in to be willing to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing at all about the Queen.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

453d Complainant, Private R. Leeming.

Private *R. Leeming* (a native of Blackburn, a weaver, attested at Blackburn on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or two more if required. The Company's broke up, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I had the chance. The country doesn't agree with me; I have been in hospital seven months out of 13.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

454th Complainant, Private J. Kelly.

Private *J. Kelly* (a native of Armagh, a labourer, attested at Armagh on the 31st October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear, sir, the Company's broke up, and I expect to get my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. I have had bad health since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to serve the Honourable East India Company. There wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

455th Complainant, Private W. Reid.

Private *W. Reid* (a native of Edinburgh, a butcher, attested at Edinburgh on the 31st October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think I am entitled to my discharge; but if a suitable bounty was offered I might take it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither part of this is right. I merely took an oath to serve in the Honourable East India Company's light cavalry. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

456th Complainant, Private W. Lilley.

Private *W. Lilley* (a native of Chelsea, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed under the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think they have no claim upon me. What I want is my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath to the East India Company, and there was not a word whatsomever about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

457th Complainant, Private P. Mottram.

Private *P. Mottram* (a native of Manchester, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to a fresh enlistment or free discharge, I haven't made up my mind which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath is not right. I swore to serve the Company. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

458th Complainant, Private T. Rubury.

Private *T. Rubury* (a native of Galway, a fish-curer, attested at Manchester on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have nothing to say, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company's disembodied I think I'm entitled to my discharge, but I don't know what I might do if a bounty was offered.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company; there was nothing at all about Her Majesty. I remember very well what oath I took, but I never signed any paper or put my mark to any when I was attested.

Nothing more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

459th Complainant, Private S. Preston.

Private *S. Preston* (a native of Armagh, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 5th November 1857). is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty. or a free discharge, but my mind's not made up to which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing at all about the Queen in it, or Her heirs and successors.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

460th Complainant, Private T. McVeen.

Private *T. McVeen* (a native of county Armagh, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or a free discharge, and I'd take my discharge if I got it; not that I'm tired of soldiering altogether, but the country's rather warm.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

461st Complainant, Private J. Grady.

Private *J. Grady* (a native of county Mayo, a labourer, attested at Stockport on the 11th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or free discharge. I would go home if I had the chance. I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company. There wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

462d Complainant, Private J. Lafferty.

Private *J. Lafferty* (a native of Glasgow, a miner, attested at Glasgow on the 14th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and now it's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take if I got it and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—It was to serve the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required. There wasn't a word about the Queen, or allegiance in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

463d Complainant, Private A. Maule.

Private *A. Maule* (a native of Huddersfield, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 8th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company's broke up or made away with, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I had the chance, as I have been knocking about for the last seven years, and am tired of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of the first part of the oath but I took the second. There was nothing whatever about the Queen in the oath that I took.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

464th Complainant, Private M. Reegan.

Private *M. Reegan* (a native of county Mayo, a labourer, attested at Leeds on the 24th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have nothing to say, sir, but I listed for the East India Company, and now it's broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or re-enlistment, but I'd as soon have my discharge and not stop in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I swore to the last part, not the first. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

465th Complainant, Private B. Ward.

Private *B. Ward* (a native of Birmingham, a pearl button maker, attested at Birmingham on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I understand the Company is done away with, and I'd consider of it if I had the chance of discharge or bounty; but I like the country; it agrees with me, and I don't know that I could do better if I went home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I remember the oath I took. It was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen. Nothing at all about the Queen was put to me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

466th Complainant, Private C. Willard.

Private *C. Willard* (a native of Brighton, an engineer, attested at Westminster on the 1st July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I'd like to be discharged, and I'd go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of those oaths. I swore to serve the East India Company. Her Majesty's name wasn't mentioned to me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

467th Complainant, Private A. Shilcock.

Private *A. Shilcock* (a native of county Down, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 3d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn in for the Honourable East India Company, to serve for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and I'd like my rights; but I haven't made up my mind what I want. The mind might change.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested; look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*))?—I didn't take this oath, sir. I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty, not a word.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

468th Complainant, Lance Corporal T. Steer.

Lance Corporal *T. Steer* (a native of Leatherhead, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding two more; and as I understand the Company is disembodied, I think I'm entitled to re-enlistment, or free discharge; but I haven't made up my mind which I'd take if I had the offer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The last is the nearest to it. The first I never took. Her Majesty's name was never mentioned to me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

469th Complainant, Private C. Francis.

Private *C. Francis* (a native of Suffolk, a servant, attested in London on the 30th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as I hear the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or fresh bounty, and if I did re-enlist, I'd like to join my brother in the 7th Fusiliers.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, that's not the oath; I took neither part. I took an oath to serve the Company. There was nothing whatever about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

470th Complainant, Private G. Williams.

Private *G. Williams* (a native of Liverpool, a baker, attested at Liverpool on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and the Company is now banished, and I want a free discharge; but I don't know that I'd take it, when the money comes out, and the canteen's open, a man's mind changes.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing at all about the Queen in the oath, not a word.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

471st Complainant, Private J. Walsh.

Private *J. Walsh* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested at Dublin on the 7th November 1857), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I don't complain for what I listed for; but as the Company is abolished, I think myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were a free man?—I would go home and work for my living.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant reads very little*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

472d Complainant, Private P. Byrne.

Private *P. Byrne* (a native of Dublin, a painter, attested in Dublin on the 13th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint; but I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company; there was nothing at all about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

473d Complainant, Private J. Hollis.

Private *J. Hollis* (a native of county Down, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 11th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Only that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, I think I'm entitled to re-enlistment or a free discharge, but I haven't made up my mind what I'd do if they were both offered me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths. The oath I took was to be true and faithful to the East India Company. Her Majesty's name was never mentioned to me.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

474th Complainant, Private J. Sable.

Private *J. Sable* (a native of Birmingham, a nail-caster, attested at Birmingham on the 10th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I'll stick to the East India Company, sir. I listed for the East India Company, for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I understand the Company is broke up, and I look for re-enlistment or a free discharge, and I'd consider which I'd take when they were offered me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths. There was nothing about the Queen in my oath. My oath was to serve the Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

475th Complainant, Private A. Vallance.

Private *A. Vallance* (a native of Edinburgh, a tinsmith, attested in Edinburgh on the 6th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Only that I listed for the East India Company, for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, I think myself duly entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths. There was nothing about the Queen in my oath. I swore to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

476th Complainant, Private J. Brogan.

Private *J. Brogan* (a native of Dublin, a tailor, attested at Manchester on the 3d April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up I expect a discharge, and I'd take it if it was offered me, and go home, I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

[The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.]

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of the first part. I took something like the second part about the Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at 4 o'clock p.m., till to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Saturday*, 4 *June* 1859.

THE Court assemble at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as yesterday.

477th Complainant, Private P. Godwin.

Private *P. Godwin* (a native of Yorkshire, a slater, attested at Liverpool on the 2d November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, not exceeding 14. Now I believe the Company's done away with, I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd go home, and work with my father.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14. There was not a word about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

478th Complainant, Private W. Friend.

Private *W. Friend* (a native of Warwick, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 10th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I took an oath to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and now the Company's broke up, and given over to the Queen, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I had the chance. The country does'nt agree with me, and I haven't been well a minute since I came in it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

There being no more complainants in the D. Troop, the Court proceeds to hear the complaints of the men of the E. Troop.

479th Complainant, Corporal J. Dawson.

Corporal *J. Dawson* (a native of Southwark, a carpenter, attested at Westminster on the 12th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed into the East India Company's service, and while in the service the Company became defunct, and I want my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, and wouldn't enlist again in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I know nothing about. The second part I took, but not exactly the same form. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took, not a word.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

480th Complainant, Trumpeter J. Brown.

Trumpeter *J. Brown* (a native of Essex, a bricklayer, attested at Southweald on the 9th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry. I took an oath to serve them for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and now I believe the Company's abolished, and I believe I'm entitled to my discharge, and I would take it if I had the chance, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this, (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This is nothing like the oath I took. I swore for the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

481st Complainant, Private T. Armstrong.

Private *T. Armstrong* (a native of Belfast, a sailor, attested at Liverpool on the 5th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and the East India Company has made its exit, and I should say, sir, I have a right to be a free man, and I'd take my discharge if I could get it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these oaths. I took an oath for 12 years, or 14 if required, for the East India Company. There was never a word mentioned to me about Her Majesty in the oath.

You can write, and signed your name to a paper when you were attested?—I think I did.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir, only that I have served as long as I wish in the East India Company, and as long as it required me, and I want my discharge.

[Withdraws.

482d Complainant, Private T. Bibby.

Private *T. Bibby* (a native of Lancashire, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 11th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed, sir, to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and I want my discharge to go home. I am too old to soldier, and have got a wife and four children at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Only the Company was mentioned to me when I was sworn. There wasn't a word about the Queen.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

483d Complainant, Private J. Campbell.

Private *J. Campbell* (a native of Dublin, a wood carver, attested in Dublin on the 20th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Oh, it's very little, sir; I listed to serve the Company for the term of 12 years if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think our contract is at an end, and nobody else has a claim upon me. I haven't good health in this country, and I'd like to volunteer in a regiment going home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't recollect anything about the first part of the oath, but I think I took the second.

[On looking at the first part of the oath, the complainant says that he did swear to obey Her Majesty's Officers, and he's willing to serve Her Majesty as well as he was the Company, only he'd like to be attested for it, and to serve in a regiment going home.]

Examination resumed.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

484th Complainant, Private R. Clifton.

Private *R. Clifton* (a native of Lincoln, a plumber, attested at Westminster on the 5th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, when I listed, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if required, and now the Company is defunct, I think in my own mind I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these oaths. The oath I took was to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, and here was nothing about serving Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

485th Complainant, Private J. Cooke.

Private *J. Cooke* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is not in existence now, I think I'm a free man. The country doesn't agree with me, and I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to be loyal to the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, that I recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

480th Complainant, Private M. Conolly.

Private *M. Conolly* (a native of Cork, a servant, attested at Cork, on the 3d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was listed for the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry, and as the Company's abolished I wish to get my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act. pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I haven't taken this oath, the first part, but I have a part of the other about the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

487th Complainant, Private W. Craig.

Private *W. Craig* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 28th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, when I was listed, I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I don't agree with the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this, (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I swore this, the first part of the oath, when I listed for the Land Transport Corps in 1855, but not when I was enlisted for the Company. I don't know any part of this oath, either the first or second part.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

488th Complainant, Private J. Davis.

Private *J. Davis* (a native of Cardigan, a puddler, attested at Cardiff on the 7th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, sir, and I believe the Company is broke up, I am entitled to my discharge, as I listed for the East India Company only, I'd take my discharge if I got it, I believe so now, but the mind might change.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, nothing else. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *T. Dismond* (a native of Cork, a sawyer, attested at Cork on the 16th March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 489th Complainant, Private T. Dismond.

What's your complaint?—When I listed, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with, I claim my discharge; and I'd take it, and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) My oath was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about the Queen in the oath.

Nothing more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *G. Dicks* (a native of Salisbury, a labourer, attested at Salisbury on the 7th July 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 490th Complainant, Private G. Dicks.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, all I have to say is, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now there is no Company I claim my discharge; if I had it, the offer of it, I wouldn't say at present that I'd take it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I know nothing about, the last part I took. There was nothing about the Queen in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. J. Dooling* (a native of Wicklow, a clerk, attested at Dublin on the 17th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 491st Complainant, Private W. J. Dooling.

What's your complaint?—That I enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years if required; and the East India Company's abolished now; I feel entitled to claim my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as I don't like soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this. (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—There was nothing of either of these oaths. I swore to serve the Company. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Donovan* (a native of Dublin, a tailor, attested in Dublin on the 4th March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 492d Complainant, Private J. Donovan

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if required; and as the Company's abolished, I look for my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I havn't good health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word in it of Her Majesty that I recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Eagan* (a native of Bristol, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 11th November 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 493d Complainant, Private R. Eagan.

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the Company's dissolved, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it and go home if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of them oaths; my oath was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *S. Elliot* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested on the 3d March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 494th Complainant, Private S. Elliot.

What's your complaint?—Well, I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear the Company is abolished, and if so I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it and go home if I got it, as I am not well in this country, but I might take a bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of either the first or second part of this. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing in it about Her Majesty or her generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

495th Complainant, Private J. Evans.

Private *J. Evans* (a native of Glasgow, a miner, attested at Glasgow on the 26th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, when I listed, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years; and now the Company's done away with, I think I am entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths; my oath was to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing about Her Majesty, her generals or officers, in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

496th Complainant, Private J. Evans.

Private *J. Evans* (a native of Liverpool, a lathsplitter, attested at Liverpool on the 3rd March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear and see that the Company is no more, and I should like my discharge; and I'd go home if I got it, and work at my trade, as soldiering doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) There were a great number of us together, and some paid attention, and some didn't. I was asked some questions about whether I was married or not, but I don't remember what the oath was.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

497th Complainant, Private J. Fish.

Private *J. Fish* (a native of Blackburn, an engraver, attested at Blackburn on the 2d February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a discharge or fresh bounty; I'd take my discharge if I had the choice, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath; I took the last, except that about officers. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, only the Company.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

498th Complainant, Private J. Fitzpatrick.

Private *J. Fitzpatrick* (a native of Dublin, a servant, attested in Dublin on the 19th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service, sir, and as the Company's abolished, I think, sir, I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, as I haven't my health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*?)—I took neither of these; I swore to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Any thing more to say?—Nothing more, sir. [Withdraws.

499th Complainant, Private J. Gammel.

Private *J. Gammel* (a native of Ayrshire, a rivetter, attested at Glasgow on the 8th April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it, and go home if I got it; I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these; my oath was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—Nothing, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *F. George* (a native of Bristol, a hair-dresser, attested at Bristol on the 11th November 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 500th Complainant, Private F. George.

What's your complaint?—I have only to say, sir, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years; and as the Company's dissolved, I think my contract's dissolved, and that I'm entitled to my discharge or a bounty, and that I wouldn't say now which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This was not the oath I took; I swore to serve the East India Company, and then I took the oath of allegiance, but it wasn't like this; it was the same as any other subject would take. I don't remember signing my name to anything when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *P. Gilligan* (a native of Dublin, attested at Dublin on the 9th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 501st Complainant, Private P. Gilligan.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take my discharge if I got it, as I've had enough of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company's cavalry, and there was nothing about the Queen in it that I recollect.

[Withdraws.

Private *B. Graley* (a native of Lancashire, a labourer, attested at Blackburn on the 5th March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 502d Complainant, Private B. Graley.

What's your complaint?—I want to go home, sir. If I was ever so willing I wouldn't serve in the light cavalry, as a man has no chance unless he's a volunteer.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take these oaths that I know of. There was nothing about Her Majesty; her name was not mentioned to me; my oath was to serve the Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Greenway* (a native of Birmingham, a hammerman, attested at Wolverhampton on the 20th April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 503d Complainant, Private J. Greenway.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required; and as the Company is abolished, I think myself entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing about either of these; I took an oath to serve the East India Company; not a word about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *D. Healy* (a native of county Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 19th August 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 504th Complainant, Private D. Healy.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, for 12 years, and not exceeding two more if required; and I want my discharge, and to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) I took the oath to serve the East India Company's cavalry. Nothing about Her Majesty in it, nothing at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *H. Hood* (a native of Oxford, a sailor, attested at Manchester on the 5th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 505th Complainant, Private H. Hood.

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the said Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these; I took no oath at all, nor did I sign any paper when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

506th Complainant, Private T. R. Hyde.

Private *T. R. Hyde* (a native of London, a carpenter, attested at Westminster on the 28th April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint, sir, is, that I listed for the East India Company, and not for the Queen; and I wish for my discharge, and if I got it I'd go home and work.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir. (*Produced and examined, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix* (C.).)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir; I took neither of these oaths. I took the oath of loyalty and fidelity to the Queen, and to serve the Company. I didn't sign anything when I was attested, not to my knowledge.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

507th Complainant, Private H. Jacombs.

Private *H. Jacombs* (a native of Liverpool, a shoeing smith, attested at Liverpool on the 3d February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn in for the Honourable East India Company, sir, and as it's broke up I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of these was read over to me; my oath was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath, and I never signed anything; I can write, but I didn't put pen to paper.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

508th Complainant, Private T. Leonard, 1st.

Private *T. Leonard*, 1st (a native of Gort, a labourer, attested at Gort on the 3d March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I think I'm liable to my discharge; I listed for the East India Company, and I'm tired of soldiering in this country, and want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I didn't take. I took the second. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

509th Complainant, Private T. Leonard, 2nd.

Private *T. Leonard*, 2d (a native of county Cavan, a chain maker, attested at Wolverhampton on the 29th June 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My grievance is, I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, and not exceeding 14; and now the Company's broke up, I don't see what claim the Queen's got on me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) I swore to serve the Hon'ble the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Nothing about obeying Her Majesty's generals and officers?—No, sir, not as I remember.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

510th Complainant, Private T. Macklin.

Private *T. Macklin* (a native of Staffordshire, a crate maker, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne on the 16th February 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Nothing, sir; but I enlisted for the Company, and not for the Queen, and I've had bad health ever since I came to the country, and I'd like to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of those were taken by me. I took an oath to serve the Hon'ble East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath. I didn't sign anything, but I touched the pen.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

511th Complainant, Private J. Maghee.

Private *J. Maghee* (a native of Banbridge, a hackler, attested at Belfast on the 18th March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I hear now the Company's broke up, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it; the country doesn't agree with me.

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Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) I was worn to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing bout Her Majesty in it. I don't remember about touching the pen.

Anything else to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

512th Complainant, Private B. Mainley.

Private *B. Mainley* (a native of Wolverhampton, a brass dresser, attested at Wolverhampton on the 13th June 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—When I listed, I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I believe the Company is broke up, and that I am entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with my health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't remember taking either of these when I was sworn in. My oath was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

513th Complainant, Private M. Lynch.

Private *M. Lynch* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow, on the 7th April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry, and seeing its being turned over to the Queen, without any recompense, I want a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and be content to remain at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) Yes; I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything about obeying Her Majesty's generals and officers in the oath?—No, sir, I heard nothing.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

514th Complainant, Private M. Malone.

Private *M. Malone* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 31st July 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Hon'ble East India Company for 12 years, or two more if the said Company should require my services; and now the Company's broke up, I look for a free discharge; and I'd take it and go home if I had the chance, as I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing at all about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

515th Complainant, Private J. Maloney.

Private *J. Maloney* (a native of Dublin, a confectioner, attested at Dublin on the 3d April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, I enlisted for the East India Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now I understand the Company's abolished, and I claim my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it; I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing about this, the first part; I took the last to serve the Company, but not about generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

516th Complainant, Private T. Matthews.

Private *T. Matthews* (a native of Liverpool, attested at Liverpool on the 25th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I believe the Company's abolished now; I am entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I had the chance. I don't like the country, and want to list in the 4th Light Dragoons, where I have a brother.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part; I took one like the last to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

517th Complainant, Private A. Newhirt.

Private *A. Newhirt* (a native of county Down, a weaver, attested at Belfast on the 13th February 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Hon'ble East Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I want a free discharge; and I'd take it if I had the chance, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these oaths. I don't remember what oath I took, but it was to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years; there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

518th Complainant, Private J. McCarthy.

Private *J. McCarthy* (a native of Kurnaul, in the East Indies, a shoemaker, attested at Cork on the 12th March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Much the same as the rest, sir. Hearing that the Company's abolished, I wish for my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go to England, and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the second part, not the first; there was nothing about the Queen mentioned in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

519th Complainant, Private P. McConway.

Private *P. McConway* (a native of Glasgow, a moulder, attested at Glasgow on the 31st March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I've nothing to say; but as the East India Company's broken up, I expect to be broken up too; I mean I expect to be sent home. Soldiering and I hasn't agreed, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) The oath I took was to serve the Hon'ble East India Company's service, and there wasn't a word about the Queen mentioned in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

520th Complainant, Private J. McKay.

Private *J. McKay* (a native of Dundee, a tailor, attested at Dundee on the 18th March 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, to say that I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required. Now I hear the Company is defunct, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; I'd take it, and go home, if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these. My oath was to serve the East India Company; there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

521st Complainant, Private W. McKeon.

Private *W. McKeon* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 3d April 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company is done away with I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it, but I might enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) My oath was to serve the East India Company; there wasn't a word about the Queen in it?

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *C. McKeown* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the 6th March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 522d Complainant, Private C. McKeown.

What's your complaint?—My grievance is, that I listed for the East India Company's cavalry, and I'd like to get my discharge, which I think I'm entitled to, as the Company's abolished; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?— *&c.*

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. McLeod* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 27th March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 523d Complainant, Private P. McLeod.

What's your complaint?—All my complaint is, that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I want my discharge; but I may enlist again; I'd like the option.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of the first, but I took part of the second. There was nothing of the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *C. McNally* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 2d February 1858), being called into Court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:— 524th Complainant, Private C. McNally.

What's your complaint?—Sir, I listed for the Hon'ble East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished I think myself a free man, and I'd go home if I had the chance; I am tired of soldiering long enough.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read.*) My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, he heirs and successors. Nothing about obeying her generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Northward* (a native of Wolverhampton, a labourer, attested at Wolverhampton on the 3d March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 525th Complainant, Private R. Northward.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, when I listed, I listed to serve the East India Company's cavalry, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge now the Company's abolished; and I'd take it and go home if I had the chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part I know nothing about, but the second is something like what I took. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Rankin* (a native of Falkirk, a bricklayer, attested at Glasgow, on the 3d August 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 526th Complainant, Private J. Rankin.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's light cavalry, and I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, and try the bricklaying again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath is what I took when I listed for the Land Transport Train in the Crimea, but I took neither of these when I listed for the Company. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Roberts* (a native of Wiltshire, a shoemaker, attested at Bristol on the 7th April 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 527th Complainant, Private J. Roberts.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company's cavalry for the term of 12 years, and two more if required; and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it, and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath. I took the last part of the oath about the Company, and I signed my name to what the magistrate read over to me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

528th Complainant, Private W. Ross.

Private *W. Ross* (a native of Edinburgh, a bookbinder, attested at Glasgow on the 6th February 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required; and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it, and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these; I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty, or generals or officers.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

529th Complainant, Private D. Russell.

Private *D. Russell* (a native of Cork, a tailor, attested at Kauturk on the 11th February 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Nothing more, sir, except that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required; and now the Company's broken up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, and go home. I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, but I did take the second. There was nothing of Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

530th Complainant, Private P. Ryan.

Private *P. Ryan* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel, on the 5th July 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, for 12 years, and two more if required; and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge. I might enlist again, but I want to go home. I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*Complainant cannot read*). I took an oath to obey the East India Company. There was nothing whatever about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

531st Complainant, Private C. Sallows.

Private *C. Sallows* (a native of Ipswich, a joiner, attested at Liverpool on the 7th November 1857), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Having enlisted for the Company, sir, for the space of 12 years, as the Company's extinct, I consider I'm entitled to a discharge. I don't like the country, and am not ambitious for a place in the graveyard yonder.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part I don't know, the second is something like what I took, but there was nothing about generals or officers, or about the Queen, in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

532d Complainant, Private G. Shaw.

Private *G. Shaw* (a native of Ashton-under-Lyne, a weaver, attested at Blackburn on the 3d March 1858), being called into Court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and as the Company's abolished, I think myself entitled to a free discharge. I'd take it if I got it. I'm tired of this country, and of soldiering too.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir,

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—I don't remember anything at all about the oath. I was asked if I could write, and I touched the pen.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

533d Complainant, Private R. Sinnot.

Private *R. Sinnot* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 11th February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it; the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to obey the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty's generals or officers, or anything else, and I never put pen to paper till I came to this country.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

534th Complainant, Private P. Sweeny.

Private *P. Sweeny* (a native of Cork, a hammerer, attested at Liverpool on the 3d February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—Now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen, generals, or officers in it, and I was never asked to sign or put my mark to anything.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

535th Complainant, Private J. Sweeny.

Private *J. Sweeny* (a native of county Mayo, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 16th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I have not had a day's health since I came to this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect anything at all about the oath; I was asked to touch the pen, but I don't know what I touched the pen to.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

536th Complainant, Private C. Willday.

Private *C. Willday* (a native of Leicestershire, a labourer, attested at Wolverhampton on the 26th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and a free passage to England, and I'd take my discharge if I got it, as this country is too hot for me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, I took part of the second, but not that about obeying generals or officers. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

537th Complainant, Private J. Wilson.

Private *J. Wilson* (a native of Glasgow, a moulder, attested at Glasgow on the 5th March 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is this, sir. I see that the Company is done away with; I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, I'm tired of this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take this oath, sir; my oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to heirs and successors. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Whose heirs and successors?—It didn't say, and I didn't know who was meant. The oath said to be loyal to heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns shortly before five o'clock, till Monday, the 6th instant, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—MONDAY, 6 *June* 1859.

THE Court assemble at eleven o'clock, a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as before.

(There being no more complainants of the E. Troop, the Court proceeds to inquire into the complaints of the men of the G. Troop.)

538th Complainant, Sergeant A. Clarke.

Sergeant *A. Clarke* (a native of London, a labourer, attested in London on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and as the Company is abolished, they can't require my services, and I look for my discharge, and would take it and go home if I had the chance, and perhaps enlist again there.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty. Nothing about Her Majesty's generals and officers.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

539th Complainant, Sergeant A. Burke.

Sergeant *A. Burke* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 28th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have a brother of mine in the Military Train, and I'd like to volunteer to him.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, that's not the oath; my oath was to serve the East India Company's cavalry, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

540th Complainant, Sergeant E. Nicass.

Sergeant *E. Nicass* (a native of Glamorgan, attested at Westminster, on the 13th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I do not wish to serve the Queen under present circumstances, and I want my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took. I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

541st Complainant, Corporal J. Ford.

Corporal *J. Ford* (a native of London, a painter, attested at Westminster, on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I might enlist again, but I haven't had any good health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about the Queen in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

542d Complainant, Corporal D. McCarthy.

Corporal *D. M'Carthy* (a native of London, a labourer, attested in London on the 7th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company don't require my service now, I require my discharge, and I'd take it, and go home if I got it.

Have

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part wasn't at all read to me, the second part is what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Trumpeter *M. Byrne* (a native of Dublin, attested in Dublin on the 4th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 543d Complainant, Trumpeter M. Byrne.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the East India Company's abolished now, I expect a free discharge or a bounty. I am not tired of soldiering, and might enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The oath is not at all the same that I took; I swore to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word of the Queen mentioned.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *G. Allwright* (a native of Greenwich, a cabinet maker, attested at Westminster on the 3d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 544th Complainant, Private G. Allwright.

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being transferred to Her Majesty without my consent, and I want my discharge, and if I got it, I'd go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to be true and faithful to the East India Company. There was not a word about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. Ball* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 2d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 545th Complainant, Private P. Ball.

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required, and as the East India Company is abolished, I want my discharge, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was allegiance to the Honourable East India Company, and to serve them for 12 years; there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Bryan* (a native of Carlow, a groom, attested at Carlow on the 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 546th Complainant, Private J. Bryan.

What's your complaint?—My complaint is, sir, that I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think myself a free man, and I want my discharge, and would go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; there wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *M. Botts* (a native of Dublin, a wood turner, attested in Dublin on the 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 547th Complainant, Private M. Botts.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I consider myself a free man, and I expect my discharge, and would take it, and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I know nothing of this oath at all. My oath was to serve the Honourable East India Company, and there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

Withdraws.

548th Complainant, Private W. Carline.

Private *W. Carline* (a native of Glasgow, a glass-cutter, attested at Glasgow on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My grievance is being turned over to Her Majesty without my own consent. I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I want my discharge, and would take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company and to be true to her; but there wasn't a word about Her Majesty, her heirs or successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

549th Complainant, Private D. Christie.

Private *D. Christie* (a native of Edinburgh, a boiler maker, attested at Edinburgh on the 14th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I don't like being handed over to Her Majesty. I want my discharge, and would go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is not the oath I took, the second is something like it. There was nothing about the Queen in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

550th Complainant, Private M. Cleary.

Private *M. Cleary* (a native of county Meath, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 1st January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I'd like to get my discharge. I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I do understand the Company is done away with. I look for my discharge, but I might enlist again if I got a reasonable bounty.

And what would you think a reasonable bounty?—Oh, 10 *l.* or 12 *l.*, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

551st Complainant, Private J. Clarke.

Private *J. Clark* (a native of county Cavan, a labourer, attested at Ballybay on the 5th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is the same as the rest of the men. I listed for the East India Company, and as they have nothing more to say to me I want my discharge, and if I got it I'd go home, and do as I pleased. I'm tired of soldiering in this regiment, and have never been treated as a soldier since I came to this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took nothing of this oath. My oath was to serve the East India Company. Nothing at all about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

552d Complainant, Private T. Cotter.

Private *T. Cotter* (a native of Belfast, a tailor, attested at Liverpool on the 4th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I consider as the East India Company is broken up I am entitled to my discharge, and if I got it, and were in the same mind as at present, I wouldn't enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't think that's the same oath I took. I don't think the Queen's name was mentioned to me at all.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

553d Complainant, Private W. Cotter.

Private *W. Cotter* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 27th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is done away with I think I'm entitled to my discharge, but I don't know what I'd do if I got it.

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Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word mentioned about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

554th Complainant, Private R. Crump.

Private *R. Crump* (a native of Wolverhampton, a puddler, attested at Wolverhampton on the 9th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as I understand the Company's done away with, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd consider about taking it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, her heirs and successors, and there was nothing mentioned about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

555th Complainant, Private J. Carnagie.

Private *J. Carnagie* (a native of Manchester, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 25th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being handed over to another service without my sanction, and I consider myself entitled to a free discharge, and if I got it I most likely might enlist again into one of Her Majesty's regiments, or enter the navy.

Have you your attestation paper?—My father has it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, but I took the last, except the word "also." There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

556th Complainant, Private W. Cahill.

Private *W. Cahill* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 3d May 1858), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Being transferred to Her Majesty without my consent. I listed to serve the East India Company, and now the company's abolished I consider my oath void, and that I am entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't acknowledge the first one at all. The last is something like what I took. There was something, too, about being loyal to Her Majesty in the oath, but not to serve her as a soldier.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

— No. 20. —

No. 20.

MILITARY LETTER from Fort William, 16th July 1859, No. 109, to the Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*, M.P.

My Lord,

IN continuation of our separate letter, No. 99, of the 9th instant, we have the honour to transmit, for your information, further proceedings of the court of inquiry at Meerut up to and including a portion of the 29th day's sitting.

It having come to our knowledge that many of the men declaring for discharge appeared to be doing so under ill-grounded persuasions, and that in several instances men had come forward to request that their election of discharge made a few days previously might be cancelled, the Commander in Chief was requested to arrange so that the men might not be hurried into a decision, with reference especially to the standing regulation, that on men taking their discharge, a period of 30 days shall be allowed to elapse before they leave their regiments.

In reply to this, his Lordship informed us that he already anticipated our wish, and had taken every necessary precaution.

From Berhampore the reports as to the state of the 5th European Regiment continue to be satisfactory.

Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie having represented the expediency of his being relieved from the command of the regiment, and it being put under a commanding officer of its own, we have, as will be seen by the enclosures, and with the entire consent of the Commander in Chief, desired him to make over the command of the corps to Captain Fenwick, who is represented to be the most efficient officer for command amongst those now present with the regiment.

We regret to state that Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie has been suffering from an attack of coup-de-soleil.

He has been requested to state whether he is still equal to the duties of his post; but should it prove necessary, arrangements will be made to send an officer to relieve him.

We have, &c.
Canning,
J. Outram,
H. B. Harrington.

Enclosure 1 in No. 20.

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(No. 559.)

Copy of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Madras.—From the Military Secretary to the Government of Madras.
To Calcutta.—To the Military Secretary to the Government of India.

Our European troops are perfectly quiet; local courts of inquiry not necessary here and would only encourage discontent. A copy of the proceedings of the Madras Government on that subject will be sent by the next steamer, for the information of the Governor General.

Calcutta Electric Telegraph Department,
7 June 1859.

Enclosure 2, in No. 20.

Encl. 2, in No. 20.

(No 1949.)

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

Military Department.

I am directed to forward, for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council, copy of the correspondence noted in the margin* relating to the feeling exhibited by the men of the 1st Madras Fusiliers on parade, on the morning of the 24th May, at Bangalore, when assembled to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday, including the reports received up to the present date.

I have, &c.
(signed) *H. Marshall,* Colonel,
Fort Saint George, 1st June 1859. Acting Secretary to Government.

(No. 533.)

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 26 May 1859, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Dated 24 May 1859.

I have the honour, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to forward for submission to the Honourable the Governor in Council the accompanying original letter from the officer commanding Mysore Division, detailing the feelings exhibited by the men of the 1st Madras Fusiliers on parade, on the morning of the 24th instant, when assembled to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. Copy of a confidential circular, which, as a measure of precaution, his Excellency deemed it proper to address to all officers commanding divisions and forces on the 16th instant, is also enclosed.

2. Sir Patrick Grant considers that the highly judicious manner in which Lieutenant General Beresford has dealt with this matter calls for the special acknowledgment of Government.

From

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* Proceedings of the Madras Government, 27th May 1859, No. 184/6; and 1st June 1859, Nos. 2 to 8.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 24 May 1859, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Madras.

I PROCEED to give an account of the feeling exhibited by the Madras Fusiliers this morning upon the parade, assembled as usual to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday. As I have but a short time to make this in, to save to-day's post, I must beg indulgence for the necessarily hurried nature of it.

After the feu de joie, which was better performed than this difficult exhibition generally is, we proceeded to give the usual three cheers for the Queen, which is so much a part of this ceremony, that the omission would be observed upon, the Horse Artillery appeared to me to cheer willingly and generally. It was stirring to hear the hearty loyal cheer of the King's Dragoon Guards; but the Madras Fusiliers were silent. When called upon to cheer, a few, very few, did so, and it passed on to the native regiments, who gave their usual cry with their usual heartiness, and such continued for the three cheers.

It was so remarkable, that I felt I could not let it pass. I asked Colonel Fischer whether I was right in my opinion of the failure, and he said I was. He said the men were certainly sulky. There were strong opinions as to the course to be pursued, but I adopted that which I believed to be the safest; I let all go on till the parade was over, and then privately ordered the Fusiliers to be formed in close column, within their barrack-square, and having fully possessed myself of the arguments supplied in your confidential circular on this subject in preparation for this possibility, I addressed the men, beginning by stating how cheerily the Artillery had responded to the order, as also the King's Dragoon Guards, and how disappointed I was at the silence of the Madras Fusiliers; I then spoke, as I hope was proper, to them, saying, that I was not going to punish men for speaking out what they felt, and if any man had any feeling within him which he would wish to make known, I invited them to come and speak to their General, who was always ready to hear the respectful complaints of men under him. So many moved, that I said I would listen to one man per company, and what I expected occurred. The complaints were all from men recently enlisted,* and they insisted that they only enlisted to serve the East India Company so long as it existed. I had their attestations brought, and though I pointed out to them that in addition to that clause, there was "the oath of allegiance"† taken, which oath I read to them from the last Mutiny Act, I could not convince all (I believe I did some) that they must have sworn to that oath in the words in which it is expressed in the Mutiny Act, and that those words obliged them to serve Her Majesty first, and then the East India Company, and that the late transfer only absolved them from the latter part of the oath; that all consideration had been given to the subject by lawyers of the Crown and Parliament, and that it was decided they must serve without re-enlistment or fresh bounty. I need not trouble his Excellency with the obvious appeal to their feelings that their past renown would be tarnished by such a failing, &c." I believe I converted some few, and ended by proposing a good cheer for the Queen now. I should say about half the men did cheer, but not heartily, and so I assumed that all was right, "except a few foolish fellows who * * their folly." It is well known to all who have any knowledge of enlistments, that the recruit pays little heed to what he hears read to him when he takes the oaths required, and these men all insisted that all they swore to was, to "obey" the Company "so long as it existed;" and they would not admit that they took the oath of allegiance to the Queen as I read it from the last Mutiny Act; one man said, all the oath of allegiance meant was, that "he swore to bear arms." As I have said before, having, without the least excitement in my manner, calmly and quietly used all arguments supplied to me, with such additional appeal to their feelings as I thought might be useful, I assumed that we were "all right" now, and that the men would obey cheerfully, in place of obliging us to resort to compulsion or any unpleasantness.

I trust that this will end this disagreeable matter, and that by degrees these men will cease to entertain these notions; I shall watch what passes, and act and report as may seem desirable. One man made the following sulky observation, "We don't like being transferred over with the bullocks and guns." I answered all he said to me with the obvious reasoning in reply, and which it would be too long to detail.

I trust I shall appear to his Excellency to have met this difficulty in a judicious manner.

* For 10 years' service.

† The oath of allegiance is not repeated in the old attestations.

(Confidential.)

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, 16 May 1859, No. $\frac{1}{2694}$, to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division.

As it appears that some few of the soldiers of the late Company's service are impressed with the idea, that according to the terms of their attestation they can claim their discharge consequent on the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown, the Commander in Chief directs me to request, that should it come to your knowledge that any such feeling exists among the European troops of Her Majesty's Indian forces serving under your orders, you will be good enough clearly and temperately to explain to such men, that by the oath in the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-83, soldiers who are enlisted to serve the East India Company bound themselves equally to serve Her Majesty. They took in fact identically the same oath as the recruits of Her Majesty's British Army, with an additional clause binding them also to serve the East India Company. It is clear therefore that the transfer of the Indian

army to the Crown does not absolve the soldiers of that army from the oath they took on enlistment, "to observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over them." The change of Government, so far from imposing any additional obligation on the soldier of the late East India Company, absolves him from so much of his oath as obliged him to serve that Company as well as Her Majesty.

2. Subjoined are copies of the two oaths, viz., that taken by the recruit before the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown, and which has been in force since the year 1830, and the present oath. Should this not satisfy any party of the untenableness of his claim, refer him to his attestation, impressing upon him at the same time the important fact, that after due consideration of the question in all its bearings, it has been finally decided by the highest authorities that the claim made to discharge or re-enlistment with bounty is utterly inadmissible.*

Form of Oath taken by the Recruit before the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown.

I * * * * do make oath that the above questions have been separately put to me, that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave and are true.

I do also make oath that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me, and that I will also be true to the said East India Company, and will duly observe and obey all their orders, and the orders of their generals and officers who shall be lawfully set over me.

So help me God.

Present Oath.

I * * * * do make oath that the above questions have been separately put to me, that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave and are true.

I do also make oath that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, in person, crown and dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and of the generals and officers set over me.

So help me God.

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3. You will not, of course, say anything on this subject so long as the men themselves do not moot the question; but in the event of any case arising calling for the exercise of your authority, his Excellency trusts that you will deal calmly, but firmly, and with discretion; making, of course, an immediate report of the same to this office for the Commander-in-Chief's information.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 26th May 1859.

I ENTIRELY agree with his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the able and judicious manner in which Lieutenant General Beresford has dealt with this exigency deserves the special acknowledgment of Government; but I should fail in my duty if I did not also call attention to the wise foresight which induced the Commander in Chief to issue a circular letter to the officers commanding divisions, warning them of what was likely to occur, and preparing them with arguments to meet it. We are greatly indebted to our colleague for the important assistance he has given to the Government on this occasion.

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* "G. O. G., 29 April 1859, No. 164.

"The following General Orders by the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council are republished.

"General Orders by the Right Honourable the Governor General of India in Council.

"Fort William the 8th April 1859, No. 480, of 1859, upon the recent transfer of the forces of the late East India Company to the immediate service of Her Majesty under the provisions of the Act XXI. and XXII. Vict. cap. 106, certain European soldiers of the East India Company's forces having claimed their discharge or their enlistment anew in the Queen's service with fresh bounty, the subject was brought under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and referred to the law officers of the Crown.

"His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council has now to announce to the European soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian forces in the three Presidencies, who were formerly in the service of the East India Company, that Her Majesty's Government have finally decided that the claim made to discharge or re-enlistment with bounty is inadmissible."

MINUTE by the Honourable *Walter Elliot*.

I BEG to express my hearty concurrence in the above observations.

MINUTE by the Honourable *W. A. Morehead*.

I FULLY concur in the remarks recorded by the President.

ORDER, No. 1870, 27 May 1859.

Resolved, That the foregoing Minutes be communicated to the Commander in Chief, with the cordial thanks of his colleagues in the Government, and with a request that his Excellency will also cause the special acknowledgments of Government to be conveyed to Lieutenant General Beresford, for the able and judicious manner in which the Lieutenant General has dealt with the exigency referred to in the foregoing correspondence.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 27 May 1859, No. 541, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 533, I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Honourable the Governor in Council, the accompanying original letter * from the officer commanding the Mysore Division, reporting further on the feelings of certain men of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, on the question of "claim to discharge or to bounty on re-enlistment."

2. Accompanying Lieutenant General Beresford's letter are two duplicate attestation certificates, forwarded for inspection; and Sir Patrick Grant desires me to call the particular attention of Government to the omission of the words of the oath in the certificate of Private John Walsh, who was attested at home by the late East India Company in 1855.

3. In reply to Lieutenant General Beresford's letter, he has been informed, that as he has been so successful hitherto in dealing with his case, the Commander in Chief would rather that recourse should not be had to a formal inquiry, unless such should be forced upon the Division General by circumstances; and that Sir Patrick Grant prefers General Beresford's dealing with the case in the terms of my confidential circular of the 16th instant, the more especially as he states he has not the least apprehension that the matter will spread further.

4. Lieutenant General Beresford has also been informed, in reference to his remark as to the absence of the form of oath in the attestations of some men enlisted at home, that the signature of the attesting magistrate must be received as conclusive evidence of the oath having been duly administered, just as much as it testifies to the recruit's attestation at all. If the signature proves anything, it proves all that it subscribes to.

P.S.—Government will be addressed further, in reference to Lieutenant General Beresford's recommendation, that more officers should be sent to the regiment.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 25 May 1859, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

THE subject of the feelings of the Madras Fusiliers has become so prominent, and a subject of necessary report, I consider it my duty to submit all information I have gathered, and such opinion as I am justified in forming upon it.

I am told that the following circumstance occurred at Warley: that certain recruits were enlisted a very short time after the date of the transfer of the East India Company's soldiers to the Crown; that the serjeants who enlisted them, not having been aware of the exact date when the new oath became requisite, attested them under the old, which includes fealty to the East India Company's service; that when they came to Warley this error was detected, and the new oath substituted, and the form of re-enlistment gone through, to correct this error. It can well be imagined how easy it was for the usual mischief-makers to instil into these boys' minds that they were re-enlisted because the transfer was not legal without such process, and that when such was performed, they were defrauded of their new bounty, to which they were entitled. This class continues under this feeling, and its consequent dissatisfaction. This simple fact of these men's re-enlistment puzzles others also, who choose to argue that the law required such course, and that they ought to be re-enlisted, and

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* Regarding the feeling manifested by the 1st Madras Fusiliers, at the parade on the Queen's birth-day, 24 May 1859.

and to get bounty. It can be easily understood what a superstructure of discontent may be built upon this foundation.

The second cause for this feeling arises from the terms of the attestation papers, for men enlisted for ten years, No. 8 query, asked the recruit as per margin;* every man who complained to me refers to this query, and asserts, that it expressly limits his service to that period, which the East India Company requires it, and that nothing is said about serving the Queen. Few soldiers ever keep their duplicates; I found it hard to get three; and of course these ignorant men are open to such interpretations, as troublesome men (of which, called lawyers, there are always many in every corps) choose to put upon them; and when I pointed out the certificate at the foot of the magistrate's, declaring that the 40 and 46 (2d Section) of Articles of War were read to them, and that all who are so enlisted took the oath of allegiance and fidelity, which I read to them, and which binds them to serve Her Majesty and obey her general officers,—they say, "Oh! we know nothing of that oath, we never took it." It is difficult to meet this; for all that can be said, is, "You must have taken it," which is not held to be any proof of what it does not suit them to admit. The old form of attestation has the oath at length, and no man who took it can say a word against it, for he signs the attestation in which it is printed.† The arguments supplied in your confidential circular as per margin, do not meet the ten years' man's denial about taking the oath, and the attestation gives only very strong presumptive proof that he did so.

† His name is signed below the oath.

As regards the Fusiliers, I find that Colonel Fischer has already had some little grumbling, and I think he has acted very judiciously in treating it "at home" and not making any open complaint against his men to me. He thinks that a good deal of it might have been talked away by the company officers. Upon the whole, although I have felt it my duty to enter very fully into this to you, for the information of my superiors, I have not the least apprehension that it will spread further, and I am inclined to hope that it will end with what I have already detailed. I certainly was glad, as long as I could, to avoid noticing this feeling, hoping it would die away gradually; but I trust his Excellency will consider it was better to have a good-humoured conference upon it when it was so prominently exhibited, than to shrink from it under what might appear apprehension. I have no doubt that the men will accept their usual batta, given in honour of the Queen, and I feel very hopeful that I may have nothing further of an unpleasant nature to report.

‡ Since I began this letter.

I have‡ read Lord Clyde's order on the affair of the conduct of the troops at Meerut, arising from similar feelings as I relate. I request to be informed if I should be justified in acting upon his Lordship's views if I find that any men of the Fusiliers continue their discontent; that is, should I offer to listen to complaints, in the same way as the Court of Inquiry at Meerut are to do, and to send them forward to his Excellency for the same object? It would be a satisfaction to me to receive your reply to this by telegraph; a few words would instruct me without informing others, by merely stating I was to act on the views I suggested, or I was to await written instructions upon them.

I cannot close this letter without adverting to the absence from the Fusiliers of so many of the senior officers.

Although I am aware the Adjutant General has attestations at hand, it may facilitate reference to send one of each I refer to; may I request that they be returned.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 20 May 1859.

I HAVE only to express my continued concurrence with the course adopted in this important matter by the Commander in Chief. It is particularly judicious to avoid, if possible, an indefinite prolongation, and probable exacerbation and diffusion of the unsatisfactory state of feeling prevailing in the 1st Fusiliers, by the institution of a formal inquiry. I rely upon his Excellency the Commander in Chief seeing that there is a sufficient number of officers present with the regiment. The whole of this correspondence and Minutes should be reported to Lord Stanley by next mail, and copies should be sent to the Governor General for his information.

C. E. Trevelyan.

CONFIDENTIAL.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, 28th May 1859, No. 544, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, No. 541,§ I have the honour by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to the Honourable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of letter from Colonel Fischer, commanding the 1st Madras Fusiliers, to the address of Colonel Haines, Military Secretary.

2. Sir

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* 8. Are you willing to be attested, and to serve in the East India Company's Infantry for the term of 10 years, provided the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the officer commanding any foreign station.

§ On the feeling exhibited by the 1st Madras Fusiliers, on the occasion of the Queen's birth-day parade.

2. Sir Patrick Grant would solicit the especial attention of Government to the paragraph of Colonel Fischer's letter, in which he states that the recruits lately posted to the 1st Madras Fusiliers, on joining its head quarters informed their comrades, that on reaching Warley after enlistment, they had their free discharge and were re-enlisted, as their attestations were considered invalid; and that they were re-attested to serve Her Majesty before they were considered soldiers.

3. With the above information before him, Sir Patrick Grant is not surprised that the discussion on this question, as already reported to Government, should have arisen in the 1st Madras Fusiliers.

4. That the men are legally wrong is unquestionable; but it appears to the Commander in Chief equally certain, that the circumstance referred to in the second paragraph of this letter, accounts for the feeling which Colonel Fischer describes, and may well be received as some palliation of its having been manifested. The conduct of the regiment in Bengal was above praise; and Sir Patrick Grant is convinced that under the able and judicious guidance of Colonel Fischer and Lieutenant General Beresford, the good feeling for which this noble corps has been so distinguished will be speedily restored, if it has not already been so.

5. I am instructed to add, that since the despatch of my letter of yesterday, the "original" attestation certificate of Private John Walsh has been obtained from the Town Major's Office; and on examination it is found that therein the form of the oath is correctly inserted. It has consequently been intimated to General Beresford, that in the original attestation, Private Walsh's signature to the oath is attested by Serjeant McDonough; and that in deviation from practice at home, of furnishing the recruit with only the questions, answers, and magistrate's certificate, it has been customary in this country to give the recruit enlisted in India, an exact counterpart or "duplicate" of the original attestation.

From the Officer Commanding 1st Madras Fusiliers, Bangalore, 25 May 1859; to the Military Secretary to his Excellency the Commander in Chief, Madras.

His Excellency will hear from the General of what took place yesterday at Bangalore; it is necessary that he should know the feelings of the Europeans late in the Company's service. About the 10th of the month a batch of 60 recruits joined this regiment. These fellows told our men that when they came to Warley after enlistment, they all had their free discharge and were re-enlisted to serve Her Majesty, as their attestations were considered invalid. They never told the men that they were enlisted in distant parts of the United Kingdom after the 1st September to serve the Honourable Company; but such were the facts. The recruiting serjeants not knowing of the transfer continued to enlist, as heretofore; such men as were attested to serve the Company on arrival at Warley were re-attested, as their papers were invalid; however, the men were told that these men had all to go through the form of being discharged and re-attested to serve Her Majesty before they were considered soldiers.

Two men, both bad characters, on being warned for duty, declined taking the duty, alleging that their contract with Government had ceased, and that they were no longer soldiers, and, therefore, could not do the duty of soldier until they were re-attested to serve Her Majesty. These men were brought before me at orderly room; I reasoned with them for some time, but one of the two being insolent, I ordered him into seven days cell, and then to be warned for the same duty, which should he refuse to take I would bring him to a court martial. The man took his punishment, and subsequently his duty, and I heard nothing more about it.

The other man was respectful, but firmly declined taking duty, as he was no longer a soldier; I ordered him for trial. I read his charge to him later in the day, for mutiny; next day he told me he had been excited and mad, and begged I would pardon him. I ordered him seven days defaulters' room, which punishment he underwent without a murmur, and I heard nothing more about it.

On the 19th instant, a captain told me that one of his men had been most insubordinate, and declined doing further duty, as he was not a soldier. This man appeared before me at orderly room. "What is this I hear of you?" said I. "Why," said the man, in a most subdued and respectful manner, "you must forgive me, colonel, I was just mad; I was not satisfied with the settlement of my accounts, and I said so to the captain, but he would not listen to me, but threatened me with the guard, and I was just mad; I never meant anything by what I might have said, and beg the captain's and your pardon." I gave this man four days defaulters' room for broaching a subject that I had settled. He underwent his punishment, has behaved most correctly since, and I have heard nothing more about it.

All these circumstances I did not report until yesterday to any authority. Nothing further has occurred in the regiment until yesterday. Some days ago the brigadier ordered us to practice the *feu de joie* by regiments; subsequently the Infantry Brigade was placed under me with nine rounds; after every three rounds I manœuvred, but I did not think of ordering the cheers, as it was simply to accustom the three regiments to fire together. On Saturday the (21st), the whole brigade was out under the brigadier. I was not present, being field officer of the day. The brigadier, thinking the brigade was perfect, ordered "Fire a

feu de joie," and then he ordered "Fire." Commandants were puzzled, and each gave the proper commands to his own corps. The consequence was, that guns and infantry all fired together; some volleys, some *feu de joie*; however, they made a mess of it. No cheering was ordered on this occasion either. The brigadier, dissatisfied, ordered out the whole brigade for Monday with six rounds, and double ammunition for Artillery also. It rained, and the parade had to be countermanded. On Tuesday (yesterday), we were out as a matter of course. Commanding officers were called to the front; what was required of us was explained, the mess we made of it on Saturday was alluded to, and the brigadier concluded by asking me to give the words of command. Having satisfied myself that the two batteries of Artillery knew exactly what was required of them, I placed myself in front centre of Infantry Brigade, and warned them that I took the command; every thing passed off correctly, but after firing the third round, I shouldered arms, and, turning to brigade, ordered them to take the further words of command from the brigadier, who gave the words, "Present arms," and then, "Order arms;" and then, without any warning, "Three cheers for Her Majesty." A feeble cheer from the King's Dragoon Guards responded to this order. The Fusiliers were silent, with the exception of half a dozen or so of voices. Astonished that my corps had not cheered, I turned round to convince myself of the fact, and riding towards them much irritated, I exclaimed, "D—n it, what means this conduct on your part?" The men were silent, but most respectful; our silence was too marked not to attract attention. At that time I did not know what had occurred at the flanks. I only know the cheering, excepting with the two native corps, was not hearty. The order was sudden, and given by a different voice to that which had given the other words of command. Swords had not been returned. We had been out four times to practise this *feu de joie*. No cheering had been ordered at any other time. When the brigade fired on the accession of the present Government, we did not cheer; my good men and the serjeants say they were taken aback, and expected the word from me. Having just warned the brigade to take the word from the brigadier, I was myself too much taken aback to repeat the command, chilled and irritated at the silence in my ranks. The Dragoons also say that they were not prepared for the command. They had their swords drawn; only a third of their men cheered in consequence, though their willingness to respond to such a command cannot for a moment be doubted. I only mention a fact when I say that the cheer from the Dragoons was not hearty and as full as it would have been had all cheered. I have since heard that very few of the Horse Artillery cheered, and that none of the Horse Battery. I mentioned this since to the General; but Colonel Burgoyne and commandants deny it. We passed round in review; the Fusiliers most steadily. At the flag-staff, the General said to me, "Colonel Fischer, am I right when I say that your men did not obey the command to cheer?" I replied, "Certainly, my men did not cheer; they are sulky; I will explain matters after parade." At the quick time, which was also steadily performed by the Fusiliers, the general again said, "Your men did not cheer; I will see them after parade, in your barrack square." After parade, the General, the brigadier, and all the staff of the station came within my barrack square, where I was drawn up in close column to meet them. The General, in the kind and conciliating manner in which he always addresses everybody, addressed the regiment, who were most respectful and steady; after expressing regret at their want of loyalty in not responding to the command to cheer their Queen, "Come," said he, "you have something on your minds; be candid, tell your General all about it; recover arms, those who wish to speak to me, and step to the front." Seeing that a great number were recovering arms, I suggested that only a few from each company should come to the front. The General adopted this suggestion; the men promptly and steadily obeyed the order, and only four men stepped to the front; the others, by my command, ordered arms, and remained as steady and respectful as ever any soldier could possibly remain. The General reasoned and argued, and read attestation papers, and the oath of allegiance, with great temper; but he was addressing men who would not be convinced. The spokesman was the man whom I had placed in the cells for declining to take duty about the 10th instant. I believe he gave expression to the feelings of the men, though a bad character himself, as were the other four men who supported him; they were all under three years' service; but yet, I believe, they expressed the feelings generally entertained by the men on the subject of being transferred to the Queen's service. They said they had been enlisted to serve the Company, and the Company only. The Company had ceased to exist, their contract was, therefore, at an end; they were never attested to serve the Queen; they were not Queen's soldiers. They were Englishmen, but they had been transferred like guns and bullocks to the Queen, and they might be transferred again to the Americans to-morrow. They were no longer men, but cattle or goods transferable without their consent obtained, or even asked for, from one party to another; to-day to the Queen, to-morrow, perhaps, to the Americans, or any one else, who might wish to purchase or take them, as so many sheep. They stand upon their rights as Englishmen, and claim their exemption from all service, except with their free consent obtained; the Government to which they were attested as soldiers had ceased to exist, and they were, therefore, free and no longer soldiers; and much more to this purpose. The subject had evidently been argued amongst them. The General, thinking that he had convinced some, and that it was vain to argue with others, said, "Come, lads, be Englishmen, and think better of it, and give three cheers for our beloved Queen before I leave barracks;" an old serjeant stepped to the front, and exclaimed, "Fusiliers, three cheers for our Queen." This call was responded to, but I must say not heartily; but some one in the ranks bellowed out, "Three cheers for our General any how." This was responded to most heartily. The General exclaimed, "No, no,

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not for me, three cheers for the Queen." Some one in the ranks: "Well, here's three cheers for the Queen also." The General then rode away; nothing insolent or insubordinate occurred during the whole time. The men appeared highly delighted at the General's condescension and conciliating manner and kind tone. There is not the most remote idea of insubordination among them. Their temper is perfectly to be relied upon; but I am bound in duty to say that they feel themselves insulted as men, as Englishmen, they being transferred as cattle from one party to another; this idea is so forcibly and indelibly impressed upon their minds, their hearts, that they feel themselves degraded in their own estimation, and they believe they are so in the estimation of every one; no argument will shake this conviction. Their consent to be transferred to the Queen's service has never been asked; therefore they are no longer Englishmen, no longer men, but slaves, cattle, sheep.

His Excellency is now possessed of all that occurred; allow me to add, as my conviction, formed after mature consideration, that one and the same feeling animates all, or rather depresses all; you have sunk them in their own estimation. Artillery officers may deny this feeling prevailing among their men, but be assured such is the case.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 30 May 1859.

THE feeling of the European soldiery in reference to their transfer from the Company to the Crown has reached a stage which makes it proper for me to record my opinion.

In the first place, I think that the affair is more formidable in appearance than in reality. Among all the various contingencies to which our Anglo-Indian Empire has been subjected, it has never been seriously endangered by the disaffection either of its European officers or men. All Europeans in this country must feel that they are embarked in the same boat with the Government, and they may well hesitate before they take a final plunge. But I have never found Englishmen of any class unwilling to listen to reason, and I believe that if a consistent course had been held on this subject in every part of India, no trouble would have occurred.

The soldiers obviously have no case of justice. As pointed out by Sir Patrick Grant, they enlisted to serve both Queen and Company, and the change is of the nature of a relief from an existing, and not of the imposition of a new burden. If their plea were valid, every European officer and civil *employé*, every native civil *employé*, and every native soldier would be equally freed from his engagement to the Government; every native subject would be released from his allegiance, and the Anglo-Indian empire would be dissolved.

It is obviously necessary to oppose a firm resistance to this demand of the European soldiery, partly because, as just stated, the concession of the point would involve the admission of a principle of dangerous and extensive application; but still more, because it would be a capitulation extorted from a weak Government by an armed soldiery, and would therefore inevitably lead to further insubordination and further demands. After our recent experience of the consequences of relaxing the firmness of our hold over our native soldiery in the north of India, we should take care not to lay the foundation of worse evils in reference to the European soldiery, which is our last reserve.

The real character of this movement in the European soldiery is, I believe, this: with the feeling natural to free Englishmen, they have felt hurt at having been transferred, without explanation, like the bullocks and guns, as they express it. Their point of honour and self-estimation have been wounded. If this view be correct, Her Majesty's Secretary of State will be able to apply an appropriate remedy.

But there is a larger view to which it is proper to allude. We have never done for this class of our countrymen in the East all that was in our power, either as regards their own welfare, or in reference to making them fully available for the support of the State. A permanent garrison of about 100,000 Europeans is a potent element of our Anglo-Indian system. If the younger men among them were encouraged to acquire a knowledge of the native languages, and of the elements of a literary and scientific education, and were selected, after an approved course of good conduct in the performance of their regimental duties, for the various subordinate situations in the Department of Public Works, the Police, the Commissariat, the Ordnance, and other branches of administration, in which European firmness and trustworthiness are required, a natural and wholesome vent would be given to the aspirations of this peculiarly situated body of soldiery, which would be as beneficial to them as it would be conducive to their recruitment in England and their usefulness in India. Many of them would, no doubt, leave the Government service in order to enter upon more lucrative occupations; but those would add, even in an increased degree, to the resources and strength of the State. We have made a small beginning in the recent General Order, laying down a regulated process by which qualified deserving non-commissioned officers and privates may be transferred to the Engineering College; and I request that a copy of it may be appended to this Minute, as a specimen of an approximation to a correct system.

C. E. Trevelyan.

(No. 175 of 1859.)

GENERAL ORDER by the Honourable the Governor in Council, 6 May 1859.

THE Governor in Council is pleased to intimate that it has been resolved to select from the European non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to Her Majesty's Indian, and (with the concurrence of his Excellency the Commander in Chief in India) Her Majesty's British forces on the Madras Establishment, 20 stipendiary students for the Engineering College at Madras, if a sufficient number of eligible candidates should be forthcoming.

2. The stipendiary students of this class will be allowed the same pay, rations, and clothing as when they were serving with their respective regiments; and, in addition 10 rupees a month.

3. Their position will be strictly that of probationers. They will continue to be borne on the strength of their respective regiments; and such of them as prove not to be qualified, either in respect of character or attainments, will be sent back to their regiments.

4. On the other hand, those who prove every way fit, will be appointed sub-overseers in the Department of Public Works, or to such other situations as may be considered proper.

5. Time spent in the College of Engineers will be counted for promotion to the grade of assistant overseer.

6. Candidates for stipendiary studentships must—

1st. Be less than 25 years of age.

2d. Have uniformly conducted themselves to the satisfaction of their commanding officers, in the discharge of their duty as privates or non-commissioned officers.

3d. Be thoroughly trustworthy, well-conducted men, who can be relied upon to superintend native workmen efficiently, and to treat them in a becoming manner.

4th. Be able to write correctly and legibly from dictation, and to express themselves with reasonable correctness and intelligence in a letter or report.

5th. Be familiar with the four first rules of arithmetic, and with vulgar and decimal fractions, and be able to keep accounts; and,

6th. Be either acquainted with one of the vernacular languages of India, or have shown such aptitude and intelligence as furnishes a reasonable presumption that they would acquire a native language, if the necessary facilities were given.

Commanding officers are requested to furnish full particulars to the principal of the Engineering College at the Presidency under each of the above heads, of such non-commissioned officers and privates belonging to their respective corps as they can confidently recommend for stipendiary studentships in the Madras Engineering College.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 30 May 1859 (No. 508), to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

* Confidential, on the state of feeling in the 1st Madras Fusiliers.

IN continuation of my letter dated 28th instant* (No. 544), I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward, for the information of Government, a further original communication from the officer commanding the Mysore Division, on the subject of the feeling that has manifested itself in the 1st Madras Fusiliers, with reference to the transfer of their services to the Crown.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore, 26 May 1859, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Madras.

HIS Excellency the Commander in Chief may desire to hear occasionally upon the subject of my late letters, of what I may term the discontent of the Fusiliers. There has not been the least further indication of that feeling, nor do I believe there will be; but I must not disguise from his Excellency it still exists.

It would be very unbecoming and presumptuous in me to advance my own opinions upon any acts or expressions of my superiors; and I beg to assure his Excellency, that when I attempt to describe feelings, they are those which I suppose others to entertain, and not my own; and trusting that I shall not be misunderstood in this particular, I shall state what I hear and believe.

I have described in my former letters what are the soldiers' feelings about re-enlistment, and its consequent advantages of another "bounty money;" but there is a further feeling of sulk amongst the European troops, which is indicated by the vulgar expression I mentioned before, "We don't like being transferred with the bullocks and guns;" another man said "I suppose next we may be transferred over to the French or Americans."† There were several of these remarks. Several men spoke of their services as entitling them to a consideration not shown to them; in fact to express it as briefly, their feelings are hurt at what they

† This was heard by another officer, and reported to me afterwards.

they consider to be the little advertence to their services, or notice of them shown in their transfer.

By degrees these may be talked away, and the subsequent praise, and notice, and thanks of Parliament, adduced as a proof of the real estimation in which they are held by their country and its rulers; but it is my duty to show what does exist; and so far as my humble and earnest efforts can, I will aid in disabusing their minds of these errors.

I have ascertained who was the serjeant who stepped forward, and gave me such useful assistance, the day I spoke to the regiment; his name was Serjeant Lees, a man of excellent character, and of, as may be supposed, high soldierly qualities. I found it was difficult to improve his condition, as he is appointed, by his Excellency, as a serjeant-major to a native infantry regiment in Burmah, an office which he greatly likes; and though I had him privately sounded, I find I cannot propose any office for him which would suit him better. I found he was married to a respectable woman, so I asked Colonel Fischer to bring the entire family to my house; and I spoke to him as I felt, thanking him for his manly conduct and loyal feeling, and my wife made a useful present to Mrs. Lees "to help them in their journey." The man seemed greatly pleased. I will order him to wait upon you, when he arrives at Madras, in case you should receive any orders to notice his conduct, which I assure his Excellency was highly meritorious. A single soldier stepping from out the ranks of a sulky column, and addressing his regiment in the loyal hearty manner he did, showed a firm as well as sound heart; and it did great good. His words were spoken out loudly too: "Madras Fusiliers, off with your caps, and let us give a cheer for the Queen;" and many responded to it; enough to allow me to assume it was general. I will send him and his family down very comfortably to Madras, which is all I can do. We will get up manly "garrison games" also here, and try to divert men's minds from gloomy thoughts; and, with God's help, I trust all will continue satisfactorily. I feel I have been writing with greater familiarity of language than may be proper to address to the head of the army; if so, I will, upon your advice, correct such error in future correspondence.

In examination of this, I beg to state that I write it hurriedly, not having time to draft and correct, and send it forward as a fair copy, which I hope the nature of the subject and the occasion may excuse.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 31 May 1859.

THIS further report from General Beresford, confirms the correctness of the view which I ventured to express in my minute of yesterday, that, at the bottom of the discontent of the late European soldiers of the East India Company, is the feeling that they have been transferred to the Crown too much as a matter of course, with too little attention to their old cherished associations, and without any explanation as to the continuance of the advantages which they enjoyed under the Company. Her Majesty, who is the fountain of honour, and the unquestioned object of the respectful affection of every Briton, will know how to set this right.

C. E. Trevelyan.

THE following interesting and important demi-official Letter has since been received by the Commander in Chief, from Lieutenant General *Beresford*:—

My dear Grant,

I HAVE something to relate, which I think you will probably prefer to have placed before you in the freedom of a private, rather than an official letter. I had been wishing to get hold of some influential man in the Fusiliers, who leads his comrades; we always find one or more such men in regiments, and at times you get a man you can talk to and gain useful information from. I see Fischer and Spurgin often, and in talking with them on this subject, Spurgin said he knew "the man" I required. It so happens that this man is recommended by Fischer for employment in the Public Works Department here, to help Mayne; and as you allowed me to give him a couple of Rifles, I feel authorised to give him a couple of the Fusiliers on the same conditions. To inquire into his qualifications for this employment gave me a good plea to see him; and, of course, it required but little talent to slide into the feelings of the regiment. This man is a Scotchman of better family than soldiers generally are, and has been well educated; his character is that of a quiet respectable man; but Spurgin has often spoken to him, and once upon this very subject in Bengal. I certainly found him an able disputant; his views are very different from all others, and I shall find some difficulty in explaining them, and cannot do so briefly. He admits that he took the oaths of allegiance and fidelity, and he says any man who says he did not "quibbles" (a favourite word of his). My natural question then was, "Well, if you took that oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, and 'to observe and obey all her orders,* and those of the generals she sets over you,' are you not her soldier, and in what has the transfer altered you, but in releasing you from the service to which you secondly swore fidelity, viz., that of the East India Company's service?" His strange opinion, and I believe he honestly entertains it, is this: "I do not consider that oath, an oath of 'service' to the Queen; it was only to defend her against aggressors, and those aggressors may have been the very East India Company itself. They may have tried to create a power independent of the Crown, and I believe the chief intention of that oath was

* I had it before me, and read it.

to engage me to oppose them in such intent; but my oath of service was that I took and agreed to take when I was asked No. 8 query."

There were many obvious arguments against this: "The oath you took, minus the last part, is identically the same as every soldier in Her Majesty's service has taken. If you claim not to be a sworn-in soldier of Her Majesty, surely so can the men of the Dragoon Guards." He evidently did not like this observation; but he met it by saying, that to them it was the only oath, and so bound them (although he thought it required the words "and to serve" to be added, as he did not allow that swearing to obey Her Majesty and her generals included serving her), but to the Company's service it was no more than the oath a special constable would take. I had all the Mutiny Acts by me, and I believe I argued it as closely as any one could, and as quietly; indeed the man's manner was so perfectly respectful, intelligent, and proper, that I felt quite able to forget "the general" and to argue upon full equality with him; but he never would yield one jot of his reading of the oaths, and "defied the first lawyer in the world to prove that he was wrong." I saw it was useless to attempt it; so I merely said, "Well, you have argued your views fairly, and I hope I have mine, and I fear we have not convinced each other;" I, of course, had other information to get from him. He is, like all others, sore at the matter of the transfer. He said "When the feudal times ceased, man ceased to be a slave, to be transferred over as his masters pleased;" and he enlarged (as I need not repeat) upon this. The amount of his requirement was, that he should have been asked if he would consent to serve Her Majesty as he had the Company, and that he at once would have said "Yes, I will;" that he did not want bounty now, nor would he have required it then; "but that as a 'free-born Englishman' he objected to be transferred from one service to another, without his free consent, asked and given." I use many of his own words; his language was quite as good as I can use. I questioned him about others; he said there were a great many of very worthless men lately enlisted, many deserters from other corps, and several men from gaols: that these made their objection to the transfer the excuse, but they only wanted the 30 rupees "to spend in sensuality;" these were his own words; there were many who had less mercenary feelings. He assured me, voluntarily, that the non-cheering on the 24th was not premeditated; but that when it was once shown all persisted in it; that he was very sorry not to do so, but he did not like to act different from his comrades, and what he hoped, as a gentleman, I would not say, he said "that the officers did not show the example;" and that if they had the men would have followed it. I believe it is quite true, the officers did not cheer generally; Spurgin told me so. I was not near them, being greatly in front of all; but he (Spurgin), seemed to think it was accidental, and it is possible it was so. Pole had told the commanding officer some days before, that three cheers for the Queen would be the finale; but Fischer forgot it, which he laments now, and he is sure, if practised, it would have been performed. Perhaps you may think there is no harm likely to accrue, while it is as well to know men's feelings, but the plain fact is, that both officers and men are dissatisfied at the mode of this transfer. You probably know the enclosed writing; if you do, you will I am sure not appear to do so, but you see high and low grumble; amongst the former no harm or trouble will result, but if I might give just one little opinion, it is a pity that some few lines more were not added to the Proclamation, to solicit that the servants of the Company, civil and military, would give to their Queen the time-honoured fidelity that they had to their late masters, and that the valour and chivalry which saved India in this mutiny, would equally be exerted for the honour and dignity of their "Sovereign." Well, to go on with Baird; he also told me, as a secret, that the Artillery here had frequent communications with the Fusiliers before the 24th, and some since, but that he thought it was lessening; that at first the Artillery were "afraid of the Fusiliers." I asked him to explain this: "Why they said they were afraid, if they mutinied, that the Fusiliers would go against them;" his words; and he added, "and so we would." This may be exaggerated; but these were his words. Hitherto I have believed the Artillery to be well affected, and when I asked him whether the men who spoke were Foot or Horse Artillery, he said he remarked they all wore spurs. I led him to my greatest object, to know what they would do; he spoke of Lord Clyde's order, and I enlarged on that part which said, that after making known their grievance soldiers were to remain at their duty, and be patient; and I had the satisfaction of learning from him, that they do not intend to do more (as far as he thinks he knows); but they will wait the result of what they expect will be Clyde's reference home. I should tire you were I to tell you all we spoke of; but you can guess how much we both might say in defence of our views. We had an hour and a half of talk; he spoke very highly of Serjeant Lees, and said he believes he was the only man in the regiment that could have got "that cheer." I concluded by asking him what (he thought) or who was to decide this question? He paused, and then said, "he supposed the House of Parliament;" that Lord Palmerston's speech had given rise to much of this feeling. I did not tell him that the transfer was by an Act of Parliament: I thought I had got all I could out of him, so I gave him a tumbler of "pale sherry" and water, and we parted. I was greatly interested in what he said; I hope it will have some interest for you. I shall continue watchful, and hope that is all I need do.

Yours, &c.
M. Beresford.

20 May 1859.

I ought to have mentioned that there were two observations, I may call them arguments, I used, which served to weigh with him; the first was, that all the officers of the late Company's service have always received Royal commissions, of which he was not aware; and the other

other was that drawn from Lord Clyde's order, 6th para., that all services of the late Company are affected as well as the military by this transfer. Upon the whole, I hope this man left me somewhat shaken in his views; and, if so, it may tend to alter and improve the feelings of those who listen to him. I am vexed that the extract I meant to send you has been blown away, but it was from Manchester. He laments the bad feeling in Tombs' troop, and all that has occurred; and says, pretty nearly what Baird did, that lawyers may talk as they please, the Company's troops are not bound to other service, and should not have been transferred like horses. I am sure you will not let his name be known; it would be unfair to disclose, except in confidence, what he writes in confidence to me.

ORDER, No. 1948, 1st June 1859.

Ordered, that the foregoing papers, with those recorded in Proceedings dated 27 May, No. 1870, be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, and to the Government of India.

H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Enclosure 3, in No. 20.

No. 2199.)

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Encl. 3, in No. 20. Military Department.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter noted in the margin,* I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the proceedings of the Madras Government of the 14th and 15th June 1859, Nos. 2095 and 2111, with the papers therein recorded, relative to the state of feeling in the 3d Madras European Regiment, on the subject of the terms of their enlistment as affected by the transfer of the administration of the Government of India to the Crown; also copy of a letter† from the Adjutant General of the army (with its enclosure) relative to some highly improper expressions, having reference to the same subject, which were found written on the barrack walls of the artillery at the Mount.

* 1 June 1859, No. 1949.

† Dated 18 June 1859, No. 623.

I have, &c.
H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George,
21 June 1859.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 10 June 1859, No. 585, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I HAVE the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying report from the officer commanding 3d European Regiment, bringing to notice the feeling among the men of his regiment on the subject of the terms of their enlistment with reference to the transfer of the Government of India from the East India Company to the Crown.

2. By the enclosed telegram from Jubbulpore of the 30th May, six days later than the above report, it appears that all symptoms of dissatisfaction in the 3d European Regiment had ceased.

From the Officer Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, Jubbulpore, 24 May 1859, No. 223, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

I WAS informed for the first time, on the morning of the 23d instant, that a great deal of discussion had taken place the previous two or three nights in the barracks among the men of the regiment under my command, relative to the bounty question, and further, that the men had decided, in the event of there being a parade the following day (Her Majesty's birth-day), to avail themselves of that opportunity and remain at attention when ordered to load and fire a "*feu de joie.*"

I immediately ordered a parade for the evening, and, forming the entire regiment into three sides of a square, addressed the men as follows:—

"Soldiers of the 3d Regiment,

"It has come to my knowledge that some of you have a grievance to complain of in connexion with the bounty to which you believe yourselves entitled on the transfer of your services from the East India Company to the Crown.

"I need not point out to you that there is a proper and becoming manner, and a course laid down for every soldier to make known to his commanding officer, any complaint which he may have, or suppose to have, requiring interference and redress. It is my duty, and will be my duty at all times, so far as in my power, to afford redress to any just complaint, whether affecting pay, clothing, rations, family matters, or any other point.

"The present is an exceptional case. Several regiments in the Bengal Presidency

similarly situated to yourselves, losing sight of the proper course to be pursued where a grievance is supposed to exist, have evinced a spirit foreign to the character of British troops in all ages, and have swerved from that line of conduct which should have been their pride as it would have been their honour.

"I call on you, soldiers of the 3d Regiment, not to imitate their example, to do nothing which will bring down now or hereafter, shame and dishonour on your heads. To do nothing which, when the feelings of the hour have passed away, or when you have attained to the evening of life, you will recall with sorrow and regret. I call on you to continue, as you have done, to show obedience to all orders, and to prove by a strict and faithful discharge of your duties, that you are men not to be turned aside from what is right by any circumstance however coming home to or affecting your interests. I call on you to practise self-control, to exercise patience, and to rest assured that if your claim is a just one, and good in point of law, time will establish your claim and justify your right. Leave it to time, leave your claim to stand or fall by its own merits. If right is on your side, right will be done you; if right is not on your side, your own character as men of honour will require you to let your claim pass. What more can you desire? Again, I say, leave your claim to stand or fall on its own merits. Time will approve your conduct. It will be said of you, those men acted wisely and well, they left their claim to time, time which settles all things and adjusts all real or supposed grievances.

"I have a word more to say, and it is this, remember that you belong to an army which all through these last troublesome two years has shown unshaken loyalty, trust, and confidence, which has done its duty in the field, and has been true, aye, and great, in every difficulty and every trial, and has never once failed in that essential and highest quality of a soldier, endurance. Lose not sight of that great quality now. Remember that the feelings of men are apt to mislead their judgments. Remember, also, that there is not a town, not a market-place, not a village green, not a hamlet, not a road-side inn in all England, where the behaviour of those regiments of the Bengal army, who have taken up the bounty question, will fail to be discussed, and where they will not cry shame on the men who, for the settlement of a supposed bounty claim, could lose sight of their own character, of the honour of their regiment, and that virtue of Englishmen in all ages, loyalty to the Crown.

"Soldiers of the 3d Regiment, prefer honour to dishonour, be content to let your claim stand or fall on its own merits, abide by my counsel, take no part unworthy of you; do not follow the example of those misguided men and regiments in Bengal, but as good men and true, as soldiers of the Madras army, do your duty faithfully and honourably, and leave your claim to stand or fall, as I have already said, on its own merits alone, and to be judged by time.

"Recollect a good claim cannot be made better by disobedience of orders, nor a bad claim enforced by a breach of discipline. The occasion of this parade shall be reported to his Excellency the Commander in Chief."

Nothing could be more orderly, respectful, and soldier-like, than the behaviour of the men at this parade. Not a word escaped them, not a sign or motion betrayed either hesitation or dissent. The address seemed to have a satisfactory effect.

Early this morning, however, May 24th, I was informed that perfect quiet had prevailed throughout the barracks during the night, except in the Light Company barrack. The serjeant on duty there having occasion to confine a private, failed to procure the assistance of any men of the company and had to proceed to the quarter-guard himself for a guard to remove the offender.

The officer commanding the company, Captain Gilbertson, a good and attentive officer, likewise informed me that the men were remaining perfectly respectful in their demeanor, but silent and deaf to every order. That they had one and all in this manner refused to obey an order for the inspection of their kits, and in a few instances to receive the batta for Her Majesty's birth-day which had been previously issued.

I proceeded to the barrack, and found the men as described. They fell in, however, and answered to their names on the roll being called, and continued orderly and respectful in their demeanor. I spoke to them in almost the same words I had used the previous evening; adding only, that I felt bound to tell them, unmistakeably and clearly, the course I meant to pursue in dealing with any exhibition of refusal to do duty such as they were manifesting, viz., to have each man's name entered on a roll, and as it was a principle, sound and incontrovertible, both with governments and individuals, that those who did no work could claim no pay, I should, if ever the bounty question were settled in their favour, produce this roll as evidence of their refusal to do duty, and of their being entitled in the interval to bare subsistence alone, and so liable to refund all their pay, &c., &c., &c.

Of the wisdom of this course time must prove, but its justice and reason are so clear that I do not think they will give me occasion to carry the intention into execution. In pursuing this line of conduct, I availed myself of the only means I deemed suitable for the occasion. I have no apprehension whatever of any disturbance in the 3d European Regiment. I believe the idea which has possessed the men is one that must be reasoned with, and not arbitrarily disposed of, even were such a course practicable. I shall report daily the state of my regiment.

I proceed to Jubbulpore to-morrow night. Daily reports shall be made to you.

C. C. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters,
Saugor Field Division, 27 May 1859.

TELEGRAM from Brigadier *MacDuff*, Jubbulpore, 30 May 1859, to the Military Secretary to Government, Madras.

ALL symptoms of dissatisfaction have ceased in the 3d European Regiment. The men perform their duties cheerfully; no further telegraph message will be necessary.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 11 June 1859.

COLONEL SHUBRICK appears to have conducted himself in this serious crisis of his corps, in a manner deserving of the approbation of the Government. His speech to his men is a remarkable specimen of military eloquence; and the ability shown in the rest of his proceedings is of a piece with this.

The attention of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has, I believe, been already directed to the large number of officers absent from this corps.

Copies of this letter, and of its enclosures, including the telegram subsequently received, should be sent to Lord Stanley by the next mail, *viâ* Bombay.

FROM the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 11 June 1859, No. 594, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 585, of yesterday's date, I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward a further communication * from the officer commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, relative to the state of that regiment.

* No. 225 of 25 May 1859.

FROM the Officer Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, Jubbulpore, 25 May 1859, No. 225, to the Adjutant General of the Army.

IN continuation of my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honour to inform you that the excitement in the 3d European Regiment is increasing, rather than abating. As the day wore on I deemed it advisable to move into barracks all the officers of the regiment.

I am happy to say that no disturbance of any kind has occurred. All the men continue very orderly and and respectful in their behaviour, and, in seven companies, to do their duty, and to obey orders.

The Light, Grenadier, and D. Companies are the only exception.

I have issued the accompanying Regimental Order, and have every reason to hope order will be very shortly and thoroughly re-established. I feel no difficulty whatever in dealing with the exigencies of the case; and I beg his Excellency the Commander in Chief to rest assured I will use every effort in my power to accomplish the restoration of discipline.

I proceed myself to night to Jubbulpore, and shall, if I see necessary, carry into effect the instructions conveyed in the confidential memo: from the Chief of the Staff, dated 5th May 1859.

G. C. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head Quarters,
Saugor Field Division, 27 May 1859.

EXTRACT from Regimental Orders by Colonel *R. Shubrick*, Commanding Jubbulpore, 25 May 1859, Wednesday.

Para. 2. THE officer commanding the regiment is prepared to receive a statement from the men of the A. B. C. E. F. G. and H. companies, on any subject they wish brought to the notice of his Excellency the Commander in Chief. The statements themselves will be forwarded.

He will also be prepared to receive similar statements from the Grenadier, D., and Light Companies, whenever the officers commanding and in charge of them have reported that their men have returned to a sense of their duty.

These statements must be prepared by the men themselves, be couched in respectful language, and bear the signature of the officer commanding or in charge of the company.

(By Order.)

O. F. Smithers, Lieutenant,
Acting Adjutant 3d Madras European Regiment.

MINUTE by the Honourable the President, 13 June 1859.

THIS letter is dated on the 25th May; but, on the 30th, Colonel Shubrick telegraphed to us, "All symptoms of dissatisfaction have ceased in the 3d European Regiment. The men perform their duties cheerfully. No further telegraph message will be necessary."

ORDER, No. 2095, 14 June 1859.

1. THE Governor in Council observes, that Colonel Shubrick appears to have conducted himself, in this serious crisis of his corps, in a manner deserving the approbation of Government.

2. Resolved, that a copy of the foregoing correspondence be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, by the next Bombay mail.

H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FROM the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 14 June 1859, No. 604, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN continuation of my letter of the 11th instant, No. 594, I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward a further communication* from the officer commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, reporting that order is thoroughly restored in his corps.

FROM the Officer Commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, Jubbulpore, 26 May 1859, No. 227, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, that order is thoroughly restored in the regiment under my command; all duties proceed as heretofore.

I have no apprehension whatever of any further manifestation of feeling in regard to the bounty question being manifested.

Should any statements be made by the men, they will be duly submitted for his Excellency's consideration.

ORDER, No. 2111, 15 June 1859.

Forwarded to the Home Government.

H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FROM the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 18 June 1859, No. 623, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

WITH reference to the recent communications addressed to Government on the subject of the feeling which has evinced itself among the European corps of the late Company's army, on the transfer of their services to the Crown, I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to forward, for the information of Government, a letter (in original) from the officer commanding the centre division, bringing to notice that some highly improper expressions, having reference to the above subject, had been written on the barrack walls of the Artillery at the Mount. The measures adopted by the officer commanding the 1st battalion are reported in the letter.

Sir Patrick Grant desires me to add, that he has personally ascertained from Brigadier Hamond, that he and the other senior officers at the Mount, are perfectly satisfied that a good feeling prevails amongst the Artillery; and this (the Brigadier says) is also the opinion of the non-commissioned officers, who are in the barracks with the men; but, at the same time, the men who made the representation to Colonel Briggs do not conceal their opinion that they are entitled to either bounty or discharge.

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* Forwarding a communication from the officer commanding 3d Madras European Regiment, relative to the feeling of the corps in the matter of the bounty question.

From the Officer Commanding Centre Division, Palmanair, 16 June 1859, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George.

REFERRING to your confidential letter, dated 16th ultimo, number and subject as per margin,* I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, that the Brigadier commanding the Mount has reported confidentially to me to the following effect: "A few mornings ago, just after daylight, the following writing was discovered on the barrack wall, 'D—— the Queen, Company for ever, give us bounty, shoot Briggs.' Now this may have been written by any man going to the privies at night, without another individual being aware of the circumstance; but Colonel Briggs ordered a parade, addressed the men, pointed out the disgraceful conduct of some one, and the necessity of making every exertion to find out the writer, at the same time requested any man who had a complaint to fall out, which three did, in a respectful manner, stating that they considered themselves entitled to bounty or discharge; but on being informed that an inquiry was going on on the subject, they were perfectly willing to await the result." The Brigadier adds, that from the reports he receives, he is led to believe that the best feeling exists among the men at head-quarters, though of course there may be one or two exceptions; also, that he had most favourable reports of the conduct of the Artillery from Saugor, Jubbulpore, and all the other stations.

I have, in reply, written to the Brigadier, approving of the conduct of Colonel Briggs, and of his explanation to the complainants, which had proved satisfactory to them; I expressed my opinion that the author of the writing found on the wall was probably unknown to his comrades, amongst whom I trusted a better feeling prevailed, which would prevent their attempting to screen such a delinquent. I suggested vigilance and caution; and for his guidance in event of any further claims or complaints being brought forward, I addressed, through my deputy-assistant adjutant general, to the Brigadier, a copy of the 1st and 3d paras. of your confidential letter to me above referred to, desiring that he would continue to keep me acquainted with anything further that might occur, requiring to be reported.

ORDER, No. 2189, 20 June 1859.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, in continuation of previous correspondence.

H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Enclosure 4, in No. 20.

(No. 2289.)

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Encl. 4. in No. 20.

Sir,

IN continuation of my letter of the 21st instant (No. 2199), I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, a copy of further papers regarding the feeling which has been evinced in the 3d Madras European Regiment, on the subject of bounty. Military Department.

I have, &c.
H. Marshall, Colonel,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George, 28 June 1859.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort St. George, 24 June 1859 (No. 664), to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN continuation of former correspondence regarding the feeling which had been evinced in the 3d European Regiment on the subject of bounty, I have the honour, by order of the Commander in Chief, to submit, in original, for the information of Government, the accompanying letter from Major General Sir G. C. Whitlock, K.C.B.

2. Sir P. Grant thinks that it is much to be regretted, that there should have been any further agitation of this matter, which had been so satisfactorily dealt with by Colonel Shubrick. His Excellency cannot but think, that the further inquiry ordered will only have the effect of keeping up the excitement which had been happily allayed. But though the

* No. $\frac{1}{2694}$ Regarding the supposed claims of some men of the late European Infantry, Company's service, to bounty or discharge, directing what steps are to be taken, and immediate report made, should any such be brought to notice.

the Lieutenant General entertains this opinion, he quite admits that Sir George Whitlock has done no more than his instructions from paramount authority fully warranted.

3. Government is of course aware that the troops of Major General Whitlock's force are under the immediate orders for the present of the Commander in Chief in India.

From the Officer Commanding Saugor Field Division, Head-quarters Saugor Field Division, Camp Jubbulpore, 9 June 1859 (No. 346), to the Chief of the Staff, Army Head-quarters, Simla.

I HAVE the honour to report my arrival at this station, and my inspection of the 3d Madras Europeans this morning. The soldierlike and respectful demeanour of the whole regiment was all that could be desired. Not a complaint was made, on each company being questioned, and the men appeared quite contented that the officer commanding the regiment had listened to their alleged grievance, and to his assurance, that the same should be forwarded to the highest military authority in India. Each soldier had been directed by Colonel Shubrick to forward, countersigned by the officer commanding his company, a written statement of his grievance; and the same, amounting to 249, were forwarded to me.

I considered it necessary now, however, to publish his Lordship's order dated Kussowlie, 5th May 1859, and which I read to the regiment on parade; at the same time appointing a special court of inquiry, composed of experienced officers, as per margin,* to make full inquiry into any and every complaint the soldier might have regarding his transfer to the Crown against his consent, for this is the general grievance.

The measures pursued by Colonel Shubrick to bring back the men to a proper sense of their duty, the judicious forbearance exercised by that officer, proved most successful, and I am much gratified to have it in my power to report that discipline has been fully established.

Although I have the greatest confidence in Brigadier MacDuff, now commanding here, and in Colonel Shubrick, I still considered it my duty to visit Jubbulpore, that I might be able to report to his Lordship from personal observation, the real state of the feeling of the corps.

No. 41. "A true copy," forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army, Fort Saint George, for the information of his Excellency Sir Patrick Grant, K.C.B.

G. C. Whitlock, Major General,
Commanding Saugor Field Division.

Head-quarters,
Saugold Division, Camp Jubbulpore,
10 June 1859.

Encl. 5, in No. 20.

Enclosure 5, in No. 20.

(No. 3493.)

To the Secretary to the Government of India.

Military Department.

Sir,

I AM directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to acknowledge your letter, No. 125, dated the 3d instant, and to acquaint you that the telegram therein cited was not received by this Government, and that a copy of your letter has been sent confidentially to the Adjutant General.

2. I am further directed to transmit to you the accompanying copies of a letter from the Adjutant General, No. 1661, dated the 4th instant, and of its enclosures, and to state that the fuller report therein promised, when received, will be forwarded to the Government of India.

I have, &c.
W. F. Marriott, Captain,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 20 June 1859.

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* President:—Brigadier Macduff, commanding 2d Infantry Brigade and Jubbulpore.
Members:—Colonel George Nott, 19th Madras Native Infantry; Major Ludlow, Chief Engineer, S. and N. Territories.
Major Mayne, Deputy Judge Advocate General, to conduct proceedings.

Enclosure 6, in No. 20.

(No. 1661.)

From the Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Bombay. Encl. 6, in No. 20.

Sir,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the uneasy feeling with respect to their enlistment in the minds of the European soldiers, I have the honour, by direction of the Commander in Chief to transmit, for the information of the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Wormald, commanding the 1st batallion of artillery at Ahmednuggur, relative to the conduct of some of the recruits.

2. The rolls herewith transmitted show the grounds of the dissatisfaction exhibited by these men, but Major General Sir Hugh Rose, G.C.B., has represented, when submitting these documents, that at an inspection made by him of the artillery at Ahmednuggur in the month of February last, none of the men who now come forward made any complaint to him, although asked formally by him if they had any claim or complaint to make.

3. The Commander in Chief has observed, with satisfaction, that these men have made their complaint in a perfectly respectful manner, and are performing their duty as soldiers with propriety.

4. Sir Hugh Rose having forwarded to the Brigadier commanding at Ahmednuggur, for his guidance, copy of my confidential circular letter, No. 23, on the 29th ultimo, the Special Court of Inquiry therein ordered to be assembled will enable his Excellency to put Government in possession of fuller information of the grounds of this unfortunate occurrence than can be gained from the papers now submitted.

I have, &c.
E. Green, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Mahabuleshwar,
4 June 1859.

(No. 96.)

From the Officer Commanding Artillery to the Line Adjutant, Ahmednuggur.

Sir,

It having come to my notice, from various sources, that the question of bounty to the late East India Company's troops had been mooted among the men under my command, and having reason to believe that it had been discussed by some assembled out of the cantonment for the purpose, I this morning ordered a parade, and personally asked all men who had a grievance to fall out, and let me hear it. I did this prior to reporting the matter to the Brigadier, because I had reason to believe that whatever has occurred was confined to some of the recruits, and was not generally participated in.

2. The whole of the old hands and last draft of recruits stood fast, but 56 of the recruits who left England in August and September last, came forward, and on my making personal inquiry from each man of what he had to say, each and all respectfully represented that they enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or for so long as their services might be required; and that as the Company was no more, they considered, some that they ought to get their discharge, others that they should be permitted to re-enlist, receiving a fresh bounty; some that they should be allowed to volunteer into other corps in India, and thus receive the 20 rupees bounty, and a few were merely aggrieved at their having been handed over from one service to another without their own wishes being consulted. I promised them that their grievances should be represented to higher authority.

Beyond the fact of the meeting of which I have no proof, and which though inexcusable among soldiers, is to some extent venial among recruits, there has been no insubordination among them, and they, with all the others, are performing their drill and duty as ordered. They think they have a grievance, and there is no doubt that the late occurrences in Bengal have induced this belief.

Nominal rolls, showing each man's complaint, are herewith enclosed.

I have, &c.
R. C. Wormald, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding Artillery, Ahmednuggur.

Ahmednuggur, 27 May 1859.

REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY.

NOMINAL ROLL of MEN of the Depôt Company, 1st Battalion, and attached, who fell out on Parade on the morning of the 27th May 1859, claiming Bounty or Discharge.

Ahmednuggur, 27 May 1859.

No.	Rank and Names.		General No.	Character.	Arrived in India in what Ship.	Claims.
1	Gunner.	Bolland, Charles -	4103	- - -	- - -	Bounty or discharge.
„	„	Power, John - -	4045	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Smith, William -	4114	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	M'Lean, Thomas -	4075	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
5	„	Jones, Edward -	4126	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Reid, Edward - -	4089	- - -	- - -	Discharge.
„	„	Murphy, William -	4074	- - -	- - -	Bounty or discharge.
„	„	Hallorand, Thomas -	4100	- - -	- - -	Discharge.
„	„	Lawson, William -	4170	- - -	- - -	Aggrieved at the manner of transfer to Her Majesty.
10	„	Wetherall, Augustus	4122	- - -	- - -	Discharge.
„	„	Hamilton, John -	4080	- - -	- - -	- ditto.
„	„	Chambers, William -	4066	- - -	- - -	Aggrieved at the manner of transfer to Her Majesty.
„	„	Ray, Isaac - -	4113	- - -	- - -	Re-enlist.
„	„	Carter, James -	4087	- - -	- - -	Bounty or discharge.
15	„	Williams, William -	4102	They all bear good characters, many having never been brought up for anything.	- - -	Discharge.
„	„	Edwards, John	4106		"Forerunner." Sailed from England on the 10th of Aug. 1858.	- ditto.
„	„	Robinson, George -	4130			- ditto.
„	„	Murray, John - -	4094			- ditto.
„	„	Walsh, Thomas -	4062			Re-enlist.
20	„	M'Quinn, Robert -	4098	- - -	- - -	Discharge.
„	„	Goldby, John - -	4134	- - -	- - -	- ditto.
„	„	Hodson, Chas. Edward	4107	- - -	- - -	Aggrieved at the manner of transfer to Her Majesty.
„	„	Brown, John - -	4043	- - -	- - -	Bounty or discharge.
„	„	Towsworth, Joseph -	4055	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
25	„	Broffit, Patrick -	4077	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Clarke, George -	4078	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Hurst, Joseph - -	4105	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Barry, John - -	4052	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Thornton, Frederick	4120	- -	- - -	Discharge.
30	„	Bell, Thomas - -	4085	- - -	- - -	Re-enlist into another regiment.
„	„	Pool, John - -	4076	- - -	- - -	Bounty or discharge.
„	„	Franie, Joseph -	4104	- - -	- - -	- - ditto.
„	„	Brown, James -	4053	- - -	- - -	Discharge.
34	„	Webb, Joseph -	4071	- - -	- - -	Re-enlist.

C. J. Barton, Captain,
Commanding Depôt Company, 1st Battalion Artillery.

R. C. Wormald, Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding 1st Battalion Artillery.

REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, RESERVE BATTALION.

NOMINAL ROLL of MEN who fell out on Parade on the Morning of the 27th of May 1859, desiring fresh Bounty or Discharge.

Camp, Ahmednugger, 27 May 1859.

No.	General No.	Rank and Names.		Date of Enlistment.	Character.	Remarks.
1	4159	Gunner.	Grange, William -	23 Aug. 1858	Fair -	Discharge only.
	4170	,,	Richards, Alfred -	23 Aug. –	Good -	Discharge or bounty.
	4158	,,	Gleeson, James -	19 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4161	,,	King, Thomas - -	26 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
5	4191	,,	Clarke, William* -	23 Sept. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4175	,,	White, George (1st)	16 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4147	,,	Blake, Robert - -	20 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4152	,,	Dwyer, John - -	2 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4195	,,	Finn, Patrick - -	14 Sept. –	,, -	- - ditto.
10	4139	,,	Budd, James - -	12 June –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4141	,,	Dowling, Thomas -	14 April –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4177	,,	Young, John - -	23 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4182	,,	Hovendon, Robert* -	31 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4212	,,	Parker, John - -	17 Sept. –	,, -	- - ditto.
15	4174	,,	Stodart, David -	25 Aug. –	,, -	Discharge, or to be allowed to volunteer.
	4188	,,	Armstrong, William*	12 July –	Fair -	- - ditto.
	4173	,,	Sutton, Edward -	17 Aug. –	Good -	Discharge only.
	4154	,,	Dyran, John - -	16 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4156	,,	Freeman, William -	20 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
20	4138	,,	Mulckby, John -	12 June –	,, -	- - ditto.
	4166	,,	Prouse, William -	23 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.
22	4162	,,	Mansfield, George -	13 Aug. –	,, -	- - ditto.

* Attached from 2d Battalion.

R. C. Battiscombe, Captain,
Commanding, Head Quarters, Reserve Artillery.

R. C. Wormald, Lieut. Colonel,
Commanding Artillery at Nuggur.

Enclosure 7, in No. 20.

(No. 357.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, dated 8 July 1859. Encl. 7, in No. 20.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you:— Military Department.

"Information has reached Government that many of the men declaring for discharge are doing so under various ill-grounded persuasions, and that, in several instances, men have come forward to request that their election of discharge, made a few days previously, might be cancelled. It appears to Government to be very desirable that the men should not be hurried into a decision. In the declaration signed by a soldier on taking his discharge (page 188 of the Army Regulations), he states that a period of not less than 30 days has elapsed since he first made application for discharge. The consideration of the Commander in Chief is requested as to this point.

"Government would further suggest to the Commander in Chief to lay down a gradual plan for the men at particular stations to be sent away from such stations respectively at periods relatively fixed, in order to show the men that their detention, more or less, is part of an arrangement necessarily made."

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
8 July 1859.

Enclosure 7 A, in No. 20.

Encl. 7 A., in No. 20.

To Major *A. H. Ross*, Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division, Barrackpore.

Military Department.

Sir,

In accordance with instructions contained in letter No. 1067, dated 24th instant, from Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, to Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the division.

I have the honour to state, for the information of the Major General, that between the 17th and 25th June, inclusive, I did myself the honour to report officially and truthfully the state of the mutinous men of 5th European Regiment, that, from the morning reports of Major Maitland, the men behaved themselves in a very respectful and quiet manner within the bazaar and barracks, much more so than before they refused duty, and therefore I returned them in my daily reports "passively mutinous." The only charge against the men was, they refused to do any more duty till the question of bounty or discharge was settled; and in order to force them to come forward and prefer their complaints, I solicited aid to enable me to overawe them.

I have, &c.
R. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding 63d Regiment Native Infantry.

Berhampore, 30 June 1859.

(No. 131.)

Transmitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, for submission to his Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General in Council, by his Lordship's most obedient humble servant,

J. B. Hearsey, Major General,
Commanding Presidency Division.

Head Quarters, Presidency Division,
Barrackpore, 4 July 1859.

Enclosure 8, in No. 20.

Encl. 8, in No. 20. From Lieutenant Colonel *K. Mackenzie*, Commanding at Berhampore, to Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta—(No. 15, dated Berhampore, the 8th July 1859).

I have the honour to report that there are now 12 men in confinement, awaiting trial by courts martial, all connected more or less with the disaffection at Berhampore.

From the unavoidable delay in bringing them to trial, the example cannot now be so great as if they had been punished at once, and I find it impossible to deal with defaulters either justly or satisfactorily, as there are no means of carrying out the punishments.

The six very objectionable cells being used generally for men undergoing sentence of courts martial, and the barracks being a large open one, men ordered confinement to barracks can easily go out and in unnoticed.

The officers from the fact of their continuing to look upon me as a "Queen's Officer," cannot give me the ready support which is absolutely necessary to ensure discipline. This feeling I have reason to believe, extends to the serjeant, and my conviction is that matters will never go on well in the 5th, till they have their own commanding officer and some one of higher rank than myself to support him at first. Captain Slater, the senior officer, whose letter of the 28th June was forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, complaining of my being sent here, clearly shows his ideas and no doubt that of the others; but Captain Fenwick, the next senior to Captain Slater, appears not only to know his duty but most anixous to do it.

I do not wish to find difficulties, but think it right to state unreservedly my opinion, and to say that I shall continue to devote my whole time and attention to carry out the wishes of Government.

P.S.—The enclosed telegram was received at 5½ p.m. Would you oblige me by having the goodness to inform Lord Clyde, that there is no telegraph station at or near here.

Enclosure 9, in No. 20.

From Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Officer Commanding at Berhampore (No. 495, dated Fort William, 12 July 1859). Encl. 9, in No. 20.

IN reply to your letter No. 15, of the 8th instant, I am desired to acquaint you that the fact of there being no telegraph station at or near Berhampore, does not absolve you from carrying out the direction of the Commander in Chief.

You should frame your own report and send it daily to the nearest telegraph station.

If it can go more quickly by being sent to Burdwan or elsewhere, than to Calcutta, your report should be so sent.

The telegram received by you from Head Quarters, is herewith returned.

Enclosure 10, in No. 20.

From Lieutenant Colonel *K. Mackenzie*, commanding at Berhampore, to Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta (No. 17, dated Berhampore, 10 July 1859). Encl. 10, in No. 20.

IN reply to your letter No. 328, of the 8th instant, marked confidential, directing me to report for the information of Government, which of the two officers, viz., Captains Slater or Fenwick, I may consider best fitted for the command of the regiment, I have the honour to inform you, that I consider Captain Slater to be quite incompetent to hold the command, and would decidedly recommend Captain Fenwick, who, as in my letter No. 15, dated 8th instant, I reported as having a good knowledge of his duty and also of being anxious to perform it.

Enclosure 11, in No. 20.

From Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant Colonel *K. Mackenzie*, Commanding at Berhampore (No. 496, dated 12 July 1859). Encl. 11, in No. 20.

I AM desired to request that you will place Captain A. D. Fenwick, of the 5th European Regiment, in command of that corps.

(No. 497.)

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to Deputy Adjutant General, for information.

Enclosure 12, in No. 20.

From Lieutenant *M. H. Heathcote*, Staff Officer attached to Force with Colonel *Mackenzie*, to Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta (No. 16, dated Berhampore, 9 July 1859). Encl. 12, in No. 20.

I REGRET to have to inform you, that Colonel Mackenzie is at present confined to his bed, from the effects of a sunstroke, and I fear he will be unable for some days to renew that personal superintendence of the regiment which he has hitherto done. Everything is quiet here.

Enclosure 13, in No. 20.

From Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army (No. 492, dated 12 July 1859). Encl. 13, in No. 20.

I AM directed to inform you that a telegraph to the following effect, has this day been despatched to you.

Urgent.—Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie at Berhampore is prostrated by sunstroke, and it will probably be necessary to relieve him immediately. Government propose to send to

Berhampore to command the station temporarily, Brigadier Christie from Barrackpore. Captain Fenwick has, as already arranged, been placed in command of the 5th European Regiment. Does the Commander in Chief approve of Brigadier Christie's relieving Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie.

Enclosure 14, in No. 20.

Incl. 14, in No. 20. From Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Lieutenant Colonel *K. Mackenzie*, C.B., commanding at Berhampore (No. 678, dated 14 July 1859).

I AM directed to request that you will have the goodness to acquaint me, for the information of Government, whether your health will permit your continuing in the exercise of your command of the station of Berhampore.

Should you be unable to do so, arrangements will be immediately made to relieve you, and enable you to leave Berhampore.

Enclosure 15, in No. 20.

Encl. 15, in No. 20. From Major General Sir *J. B. Hearsey*, K.C.B., commanding Presidency Division, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department (No. 134, dated Barrackpore, 7 July 1859).

WITH reference to your official letter No. 1175, dated the 27th ultimo, I have now the honour to forward, for submission to Government, the annexed copy of a communication from Colonel Lennox accompanied by an enclosure, affording the required explanation in regard to the three privates of the 5th European Regiment in question, which I trust will be received as satisfactory by his Excellency the Governor General in Council.

Enclosure 16, in No. 20.

Encl. 16, in No. 20. From Colonel *W. G. Lennox*, Officer Commanding 63d Regiment Native Infantry, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division (dated Berhampore, 2 July 1859).

IN reply to letter No. 1175, dated 27th ultimo, from the Military Secretary to the Government of India, to Major General Sir J. B. Hearsey, K.C.B., commanding the Presidency Division, with memorandum of Assistant Adjutant General, Presidency Division, No. 276, dated 28th ultimo, I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter on the subject of the three privates who were allowed to remain amongst the loyal soldiers (of 5th European Regiment) but not allowed to do duty as noted in the morning report of the officer commanding the 5th European Regiment, and which I had the honour to submit to the Major General.

From Lieutenant *W. H. Buttanshaw*, commanding 8th Company, 5th European Regiment, to the Adjutant, 5th European Regiment, (No.— dated Berhampore, 21 June 1859).

I HAVE the honour to report for the information of the commanding officer, that three privates of No. 8 Company (who were originally enlisted for Her Majesty, but till yesterday evening were still in the left wing barrack), Privates Dodd, Dick, and Cox came over yesterday to my quarters, and made the following statement. "We took no part with the men who seized their arms on the 10th instant, two of us were in the barrack at that time, but Private Dick was in the guard-room. The orderly serjeant of the Company remained till the 17th instant, and after that we did not know where to shift to. We reported ourselves to the Serjeant Major on the 19th instant, he told us he would speak to the Adjutant about us."

The above privates as far as I know, did not take part with the other men on the 16th, at least they had not their arms nor did I see them in the barracks, they appear to be very sorry for what they have done, are three of the youngest soldiers in my Company, and have hitherto borne good characters.

The above privates are at present by themselves in the right wing barrack.

Submitted for the order of Colonel Lennox, commanding.

F. Maitland, Major,
Commanding 5th European Regiment.

The above-named privates are permitted to remain in the right wing barracks till further orders, and are to be considered as loyal.

W. G. Lennox, Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Enclosure 17, in No. 20.

From Major General *R. J. H. Birch*, C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Major General Sir *J. B. Hearsey*, K.C.B., commanding Presidency Division, (No. 498, dated Fort William, 12 July 1859). Encl. 17, in No. 20.

I AM directed to acquaint you that the communication from Colonel Lennox commanding 63rd Native Infantry, dated the 2d instant, copy of which is annexed to your letter No. 134, of the 7th, is not satisfactory to Government, inasmuch as it affords us no information whatever on the main point of inquiry stated in my letter No. 1175, dated the 27th of June last.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires to know on what ground it was determined, and by whose authority, that the three men who were declared to be "considered as loyal," and were allowed to remain in the right wing barracks, were "not allowed to do duty."

Enclosure 18, in No. 20.

(No. 240.)

To the Superintendent of Marine. Encl. 18, in No. 20.

Sir,

I AM directed to request that you will advertise for tenders for ships to convey about (1,000) one thousand men to England, to be ready to start from Calcutta about a month hence. Military Department.

The tenders may be made out for merely the conveyance of the men and supply of water, the provisions being supplied by the Commissariat Department, or in the ordinary way for both conveyance and provisions.

Each party will be accompanied by the usual number of officers.

It is intended that the men shall embark immediately after their arrival, but it must be understood that if there is any reasonable delay beyond the time specified, Government will not be liable to demurrage.

I am, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
7 July 1859.

Enclosure 19, in No. 20.

(No. 878.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph. Encl. 19, in No. 20.

From Simla—from the Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta, Bengal—to Secretary to Government, Military Department.

INTIMATION will be given when discharged men are likely to be ready to movetowards the port of embarkation. You will be addressed hereafter by letter, as to the officer to accompany discharged men on the voyage.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
10 July 1859.

Enclosure 20, in No. 20.

(No. 1043.)

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph, Encl. 20, in No. 20

From Simla—from the Adjutant General.

To Calcutta, Bengal—to Secretary to Government of India, Military Department.

10 July, Sunday noon.

WITH reference to your message, of the 8th July, 6.45 p. m., already anticipated the precaution Commander in Chief has already suggested as to men not being hurried into signing their discharge declaration. Lord Clyde's immediate consideration will be given to the second portion—your message according to the plan laid down in confidential circular to officers commanding.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
11 July 1859.

Enclosure 21, in No. 20.

(No. 1005.)

Encl. 21, in No. 20.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla—from Major *McPherson.*

To Calcutta—to General *Birch.*

LORD CLYDE'S suggestion for the consideration of Government, that due notice be given at the ports of Calcutta and Kurrachee of the tonnage to England that will be required for discharged men, in so far as can be judged from the incomplete advances yet received. Tonnage will be required at Calcutta for from five to six hundred men, and at Kurrachee for about 1,500 men; but the numbers cannot be accurately given at present, as many men may change their minds within the 20 days allowed for consideration.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
11 July 1859, 5.30 p. m.

Enclosure 22, in No. 20.

(No. 554.)

Encl. 22, in No. 20.

To the Quartermaster General of the Army, Simla.

Sir,

Military Department.

I AM directed to acquaint you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you:—

"Tenders for ships to convey 1,000 discharged men have been invited. The ships are to be ready by the 7th August, but Government is not to be liable to demurrage till after the 21st. It is expected that the above number of men from Cawnpore, Lucknow, Allahabad, and Hazareebaugh will be ready to embark about the 10th August. A troop boat which will convey 500 men will be at Allahabad about the third, and there will be several cargo boats ready before that time on which the men may be sent down. Please request the Commander in Chief to issue the necessary orders."

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
12 July 1859.

Enclosure 23, in No. 20.

(No. 19.)

Encl. 23, in No. 20.

To Major General *Birch,* C. B. Secretary to Government, Calcutta.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report that private William Marshall, of the 5th European Regiment, was this day confined in the cells for gross and abusive language on parade to Lieutenant Hunter, the acting Adjutant. This case will be submitted immediately to the Major General commanding the Division.

I have, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore,
11 July 1859.

Enclosure 24, in No. 20.

(No. 1041.)

Encl. 24, in No. 20.

COPY of Service Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla—from Major *McPherson.*

To Benares and Calcutta—to General *Campbell* and Captain *Bacon,* Assistant Quartermaster General.

REPLY to yours of 8th instant. The men taking discharge from Hazareebaugh and Dinapore cannot leave till the days required for the signature of their declaration have expired; a General Order respecting the movements of the men taking their discharge from their respective stations will be sent to Government forthwith for sanction. General Campbell's reference should have been made to me for immediate submission to Commander in Chief.

Calcutta, Electric Telegraph Department,
11 July 1859, 8.40 p. m.

W. T. Holmes,
In Charge.

(No. 3059 of 1859.)

Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency,
Fort William, Calcutta, 12 July 1859.

Memorandum—Copy of the foregoing forwarded to Major General R. J. H. Birch, C. B., Secretary to the Government of India in the Military Department, for the information of Government.

B. E. Bacon, Captain,
In Charge of Quartermaster General's Office, Presidency.

Enclosure 24 A., in No. 20.

(No. 709.)

To the Secretary to Government, Bombay, Military Department.

Encl. 24 A., in No. 20. Military Department.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect, has this day been despatched to you:—

"A large number of European soldiers of the Bengal army have applied for their discharge. Those from stations in the Punjaub, Umballa and the Hills, will proceed by the Indus to Kurrachee. The Commander in Chief has requested that tonnage may be provided at an early date, at the latter port, for 1,500 men, with officers. The Governor General in Council requests that the Government of Bombay will arrange accordingly, but so as not at present to fix any certain date, in order to avoid demurrage. Lord Clyde will communicate direct when each party leaves its present station, and may reach Kurrachee. The discharged men from Gwalior, Agra and Delhi, are to proceed *viâ* Agra to Bombay, where they will embark."

Please to acknowledge this message.

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
14 July 1859.

(No. 710.)

To the Quartermaster General of the Army.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect, has this day been despatched to you:— Military Department.

"The Bombay Government have been requested to provide tonnage for 1,500 men at Kurrachee, and informed that the Commander in Chief will communicate direct to Bombay when each party leaves its present station, and when it may be expected to reach Kurrachee. Information should also be sent to Bombay about the men to embark at Bombay from Agra, Delhi and Gwalior. The Governor General in Council requests that copies of all such communications made to Bombay may be sent to this department for information."

I have, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
14 July 1859.

Enclosure 25, in No. 20.

(No. 21.)

To Major General *Birch*, C. B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta. Encl. 25, in No. 20.

Sir,

ACCORDING to instructions received in your letter, No. 496, dated 12th instant, I have the honour to inform you that Captain A. B. Fenwick has been placed in command of that corps.

I have, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore,
14 July 1859.

Enclosure 26, in No. 20.

Encl. 26, in No. 20.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Monday*, 6 *June* 1859—*continued*.

557th Complainant, Private J. Claxton.

Private *J. Claxton* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested at Dublin on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company is abolished, and no more in vogue, I think I oughtn't to have been handed over to Her Majesty, without my sanction, and that I am entitled to my discharge, and I don't know what I'd do yet if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I never saw or heard before, the last is the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

558th Complainant, Private E. Clough.

Private *E. Clough* (a native of Lancashire, a shoemaker, attested at Manchester on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. The Company is done away with, and I think I can claim my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths. My oath was to serve the East India Company, not a word of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

559ih Complainant, Private P. Delmore.

Private *P. Delmore* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 1st January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—Being turned over to the Queen's Government without knowing anything about it. I listed for the East India Company, and I think I ought to get my discharge, and if I got it I'd go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and there wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

560th Complainant, Private J. Drummond.

Private *J. Drummond* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 7th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I am entitled to a free discharge now the Company is abolished. I haven't made up my mind what I'd do if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part with the exception of the word "also," but not the first.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

561st Complainant, Private P. Dunn.

Private *P. Dunn* (a native of Queen's County, a groom, attested at Dublin on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and questioned by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I don't like being turned over to the Queen's Government without having a voice in it, I am not tired of soldiering, and would volunteer again in this regiment or another.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, and the second part is not the same as I took, nearly.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

562d Complainant, Private A. Devitt.

Private *A. Devitt* (a native of county Clare, a cooper, attested at Liverpool on the 28th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry, and as they're broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I might enlist again if I got it, but I don't know.

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Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant reads very badly*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. Not a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

563d Complainant, Private E. Dorricott.

Private *E. Dorricott* (a native of Cheshire, a cooper, attested at Shrewsbury on the 2d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I don't know what I'd do if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper was examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, this is not the oath I took, neither part. My oath was to serve the East India Company. There was not a word of the Queen in it.

Anything else to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

564th Complainant, Private J. Eagan.

Private *J. Eagan* (a native of Edinburgh, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, but I don't know what I'd do.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Honourable East India Company, and there wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

565th Complainant, Private J. Fergusson.

Private *J. Fergusson* (a native of Glasgow, a flesher, attested at Glasgow on the 1st March 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or re-enlistment, and if I got the choice I'd take my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I was sworn to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

566th Complainant, Private J. Flahavan.

Private *J. Flahavan* (a native of Mayo, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 15th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service, and now I'm told I'm handed over to the Queen without any leave and sanction, and I think it's not proper, and that I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—These oaths are not the same that I took. My oath was to serve and bear true allegiance to the Honourable East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, except if I did volunteer I shouldn't do much good, as I've been in hospital out and in ever since I came to the country. [Withdraws.

567th Complainant, Private W. Finlayson.

Private *W. Finlayson* (a native of Edinburgh, a boot-closer, attested in Edinburgh on the 9th July 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—All that I have got, sir, is, that I didn't list for the Queen, and I was handed over to Her Majesty without being asked, and I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I think I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the Company, and there was something about the Queen about allegiance, but what it was, exactly, I can't recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

568th Complainant, Private J. Gillon.

Private *J. Gillon* (a native of Lancashire, a spinner, attested at Bolton on the th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being turned over to the Queen without my sanction, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12, years, or 14 if required, and there was nothing about the Queen, except I was asked if I belonged to Her Majesty's forces.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

569th Complainant, Private F. Garry.

Private *F. Garry* (a native of London, a shopman, attested at Westminster on the 30th June 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being turned over to the Queen without being asked, and I want my discharge, and I don't know whether I mightn't volunteer for another corps, but I should want a bounty if I did.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these oaths. My oath was to serve the East India Company, nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

570th Complainant, Private J. Griffin.

Private *J. Griffin* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 5th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word in it about the Queen. I didn't take these oaths, neither part.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

571st Complainant, Private T. Grawley.

Private *T. Grawley* (a native of Sligo, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 28th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Being turned over to the Queen without my knowing anything about it. I want my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The oath of allegiance to serve the East India Company is what I took, there was nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

572d Complainant, Private P. Gaffeney.

Private *P. Gaffeney* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I want my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me. I listed for the East India Company, and now it's abolished.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took no oath about the Queen at all, my oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

573d Complainant. Private F. Holloway.

Private *F. Holloway* (a native of London, a butcher, attested at Westminster on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I might give the service another chance.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, for 12 years, and two more if required. There was nothing about the Queen in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private

Private *J. Holloway* (a native of London, a French polisher, attested at Westminster on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 574th Complainant, Private J. Holloway.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and, now the Company's abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, as I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither part of these oaths. My oath was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Houston* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 3d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 575th Complainant, Private J. Houston.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and, now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I don't agree with the country, and haven't any health.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Hunter* (a native of county Antrim, a miller, attested at Belfast on the 17th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 576th Complainant, Private J. Hunter.

What's your complaint?—Nothing further to say but that I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I don't like being handed over to the Queen without my own sanction. I want my discharge, the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of them; I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and I didn't observe anything about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Stocks* (a native of Derby, a farrier, attested at Dublin on the 2d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 577th Complainant, Private J. Stocks.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and, as the Company is abolished, I want my discharge, but I don't know what I'd do if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir; I took neither of these. My oath was to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Kelly* (a native of Athlone, a tailor, attested at Athlone on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 578th Complainant, Private J. Kelly.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Company's cavalry, and I understand the Company's done away with, and I wish to get my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. The country doesn't answer my health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Oh no, sir; that's not it at all. There was never a word about the Queen mentioned, not that I know of. The last part is something like it, but it's not it altogether.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *M. Knight* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne on the 15th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 579th Complainant, Private M. Knight.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company's disembodied, and I think I am a civilian, and if I got my discharge I'd go home, as I didn't get my health well in this country since I came to it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, but I listed for the second, the East India Company's service. There was nothing about Her Majesty in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

580th Complainant, Private W. Leenon.

Private *W. Leenon* (a native of county Down, a weaver, attested at Banbridge on the 5th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd consider some time about taking it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath of allegiance to the Company for the term of my service. Not a word about the Queen in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

581st Complainant, Private J. Leonard.

Private *J. Leonard* (a native of Waterford, a labourer, attested at Waterford on the 12th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and, now the Company is done away with, I think I am a free man, and if I got my discharge I'd go home and work. This country don't agree with me at all.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

582d Complainant, Private T. Lawton.

Private *T. Lawton* (a native of Staffordshire, a potter, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and the Company's no more, and I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—All the oath I took was to the Honourable East India Company's service, and there was nothing at all about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

583d Complainant, Private J. Lowe.

Private *J. Lowe* (a native of Manchester, a boiler-maker, attested at Liverpool on the 2d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I listed to serve the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge as a just enlistment, and I'd take my discharge if I got it and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I would'nt say that I did or that I didn't take the first part of this oath. I swore to obey the Company's service, that is all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

584th Complainant, Private J Meehan.

Private *J. Meehan* (a native of Tipperary, a servant, attested at Clonmel on the 5th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it, I think, but the mind might change.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the oath of allegiance to the East India Company, but nothing else.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

585th Complainant, Private M. Murray.

Private *M. Murray* (a native of county Meath, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and I believe we are turned over to the Queen, without having our own voice in it, and I wish to get my discharge, but I don't know what I might do if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty and Her subjects, but I am not quite sure about this.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

586th Complainant, Private D. McIntosh.

Private *D. McIntosh* (a native of Edinburgh, a labourer, attested at Edinburgh on the 1st November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being turned over to Her Majesty, and I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it, I haven't made up my mind what I'd do.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to be faithful to Her Majesty, Her heirs, and successors.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir. [Withdraws.

587th Complainant, Private G. McLuckle.

Private *G. McLuckle* (a native of Stirling, a moulder, attested at Glasgow on the 14th November 1857), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I think it's very disagreeable being turned over to the Queen, and I want my discharge, and if I got it I would go home, and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, the second is a little like it. My oath was to be loyal to Her heirs and successors, but nothing about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

588th Complainant, Private W. McEvoy.

Private *W. McEvoy* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 4th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I don't consider myself a Queen's soldier.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This is not the oath I took. I took an oath like the first part when I joined the Land Transport Corps. My oath was to serve the Company true and faithfully for 12 years or two more if required, but there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath, only the oath of allegiance that I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

589th Complainant, Private L. McEvoy.

Private *L. McEvoy* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 4th June 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, sir, but if I'd get a bounty, I wouldn't mind stopping.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

590th Complainant, Private O. McNulty.

Private *O. McNulty* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 5th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and 14 if required, and as the Company's done away with, I want my discharge, as I wish to go home to see my parents.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part of the oath, but not the first. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

591st Complainant, Private C. McCarthy.

Private *C. McCarthy* (a native of Bolton, a bricklayer, attested at Bolton on the 6th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd take it, and wouldn't enlist again if in the same mind I am now.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Company. Not a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

592d Complainant, Private D. McCarthy.

Private *D. McCarthy* (a native of Cork, a clerk, attested at Cork on the 15th February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make if my application is granted me; I wish to volunteer into one of Her Majesty's cavalry regiments, if possible.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the first part of the oath, but I don't recollect the latter part of it; my oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be upright and honourable to Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

593d Complainant, Private M. McDonald.

Private *M. McDonald* (a native of county Kerry, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 22d April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, except that I want to see Langtree's attestation paper.

(Complainant alludes to the original attestation certificate of Private Langtree's, the 273d complainant, which, at his request, was procured from Calcutta, and was shown to him this morning. Private Langtree's allowed his mistake on seeing it, and had apparently been talking to his comrades outside about it. The certificate is put into the hands of the present complainant (M. McDonald) to examine, and on looking at it he says—

(*Answer continued*)—I am now quite satisfied, sir, I wasn't sure of it before.

[Withdraws.

594th Complainant, Private P. McGovern.

Private *P. McGovern*, (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 4th June 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now I understand the Company's abolished and gone, I think I am entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and wouldn't enlist again in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of these were taken by me. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word of the Queen that I recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

595th Complainant, Private P. Rielly.

Private *P. Rielly* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 4th June 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and I want my discharge, as I don't call myself a soldier now the Company's done away with. I'd take my discharge and go home if I got it, as I haven't got my ship's pay, or my clearance money since I came to the country; and I haven't been able to send a letter once to my friends at home, as I only get two annas a day, and have to pay four annas to get a letter written for me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

596th Complainant, Private T. Stevenson.

Private *T. Stevenson* (a native of Paisley, a weaver, attested at Glasgow on the 14th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or re-enlistment, and I don't know yet hich I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is not hat I took, but the second part is very near it. There was nothing of Her Majesty in ie oath.

Anything more to say?—No, si [Withdraws.

Private

Private *J. Stevenson* (a native of county Antrim, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 19th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 597th Complainant, Private J. Stevenson.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm soldiering for nobody, and I want a free discharge to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take the first part of the oath, but the second is more like it. All about Her Majesty was, that I wasn't to speak against Her Majesty; but every civilian has to do that.

Anything more to say?—That's all I've got, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *T. Sherry* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 14th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 598th Complainant, Private T. Sherry.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and as the said Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I did'nt take the first part of the oath, the second is something like it, but I didn't take either. My oath was to serve the East India Company, to be loyal to heirs and successors.

Whose heirs and successors?—I don't know, sir, the Queen's, I suppose; but there wasn't a word said about Her Majesty in the oath. I am no lawyer to understand these things.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Smith* (a native of London, a piano-forte finisher, attested at Westminster on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 599th Complainant, Private J. Smith.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd take it, as I don't like the treatment I've received in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read very well*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company. The Queen was not mentioned in my oath of allegiance.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *Z. Smart* (a native of Leicestershire, a skinner, attested at Bristol on the 13th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 600th Complainant, Private Z. Smart.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it I'd go home and work at my trade.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, I don't remember a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Thomas* (a native of Swansea, a puddler, attested at Bristol on the 10th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 601st Complainant, Private J. Thomas.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the said Company is no more, I think myself entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, I did the second, and to prove loyal to the Queen, nothing more.

Anything more to say?—No, none, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Tracey* (a native of Kilkenny, a tailor, attested at Kilkenny, on the 12th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 602d Complainant, Private J. Tracey.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as the said Company is no more, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; but I don't know what I'd do if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Well, I never heard any of that, the first part; but the second is more like it, and all about Her Majesty was to be legal to Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No more, sir; but I listed for the East India Company, and I would like to go home. I have seen enough of it. [Withdraws.

603d Complainant, Private W. Waite.

Private *W. Waite* (a native of Grantham, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 9th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company is no more, I want my discharge, and I'd go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—(*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

604th Complainant, Private C. White.

Private *C. White* (a native of London, a servant, attested at Westminster on the 4th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, as the East India Company is broke up, I either wish for a fresh bounty or a free discharge, and if the bounty was anything I'd re-enlist.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I swore to serve the East India Company, and to be true and loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

605th Complainant, Private R. Thompson.

Private *R. Thompson* (a native of county Londonderry, a labourer, attested at Coleraine on the 6th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or a free discharge. I'd take my discharge; but circumstances alter cases, and I might re-enlist.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, that was not my oath. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing about Her Majesty to my knowledge.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

606th Complainant, Private P. Wynne.

Private *S. Wynne* (a native of Liverpool, a mason, attested at Manchester on 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—No complaint that I know of; but I enlisted for the East India Company, and I believe it's abolished, and I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, I have had bad health, and I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part I didn't take, the second part is a little like it, and there was nothing about Her Majesty in it that I'm aware of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

The Court adjourns about 5 o'clock, p.m., till Monday, 7th June, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Monday*, 7 June 1859.

The court assemble at 11 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment. All present as before.

There being no more complainants in the G. Troop, the court proceed to hear the complaints of the men of the F. Troop.

607th Complainant, Trumpeter J. Campbell.

Trumpeter *J. Campbell* (a native of Kilkenny, a labourer, attested at Kilkenny on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I understand the Company's abolished, and I wish for my discharge or bounty, and I'd take my discharge; but I don't know, I'd consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company, and Her heirs and successors, but I don't know whose heirs and successors. I'm no scholar. There was nothing about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private

Private *W. Bailey* (a native of Salisbury, a labourer, attested at Salisbury on the 7th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 608th Complainant, Private W. Bailey.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I look for my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company and to be loyal to Her Majesty's heirs and successor, but I was loyal to Her Majesty before I enlisted.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Baker* (a native of Devonshire, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 14th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 609th Complainant, Private J. Baker.

What's your complaint?—I want my discharge. I want to go home. I listed for the East India Company and now it's abolished.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; there wasn't anything about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—Nothing, sir, but this country doesn't agree with me. [Withdraws.

Private *R. Barnes* (a native of London, a butcher, attested at Lambeth on the 8th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 610th Complainant, Private R. Barnes.

What's your complaint?—The East India Company's broken up, and I want my discharge or a bounty. The country doesn't agree with me, and I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take the first part. The second is something like what I took; there was nothing of Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *W. Burton* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 3d May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 611th Complainant, Private W. Burton.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I want my discharge, as I don't get very good health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; I don't think there was anything about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *W. Barry* (a native of Cork, a butcher, attested at Cork on the 26th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 612th Complainant Private W. Barry.

What's your complaint?—I wish my discharge, as the Company is broken up; I don't feel well since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I swore to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors. This oath was not like what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *J. Boland* (a native of Waterford, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 14th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 613th Complainant, Private J. Boland.

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint, but I listed for the East India Company, and I expect a bounty or a free discharge, and I'd take my discharge if I got it, as I havn't got my health in this country since I came.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

614th Complainant, Private M. Burke.

Private *M. Burke* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at York on the 28th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company's Light Cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; now as the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, but I could'nt say whether I'd enlist again if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took an oath to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and to serve the East India Company. The last is more like what I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

615th Complainant, Private J. Byles.

Private *J. Byles* (a native of St. Albans, a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 3d of May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or a fresh bounty; I'd take my discharge if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering and want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Yes, this is the oath. I took both parts of it.

Having taken this oath, why do you think you are entitled to your discharge?—Why, sir, I listed to serve the Company, and I look upon this oath, the first part, as merely the oath of allegiance.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

616th Complainant, Private J. Bradley.

Private *J. Bradley* (a native of Belfast, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 11th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I hear the Company's demolished. and I want my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I swore to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir. [Withdraws.

617th Complainant, Private S. Bryce.

Private *S. Bryce* (a native of Edinburgh, a type-founder, attested at Glasgow on the 8th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is demolished, I want a free discharge as I have'nt my health in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to obey the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Have you anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

618th Complainant, Private R. Burton.

Private *R. Burton* (a native of Birmingham, a blacksmith, attested at Birmingham on the 10th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge or a fresh bounty, and I'd take my discharge if I had the chance, as the country does'nt agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and allegiance to her heirs and successors, but nothing about Her Majesty's service.

Whose heirs and successors, ?—I don't know, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

619th Complainant, Private J. Campbell.

Private *J. Campbell* (a native of Glasgow, a sailor, attested at Glasgow on the 22d April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and now the Company is abolished I want my discharge, as the country does not agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

620th Complainant, Private E. Cannon.

Private *E. Cannon* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 24th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Why, sir, I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished I want my discharge. I would take it, as I am tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

621st Complainant, Private J. Cavanagh.

Private *J. Gavanagh* (a native of Dublin, a shoemaker, attested in Dublin on the 20th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broken up I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. I have'nt my health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, Her heirs and successors. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

622d Complainant, Private J. Carroll.

Private *J. Carroll* (a native of county Tipperary, a miner, attested at Bolton on the 8th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I want my discharge, I am given to understand the Company's broken up, and I'd take my discharge if I got it, as the country does not agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath, nor the second either. I was sworn to serve in the East India Company's cavalry, and to be loyal to the Queen, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

623d Complainant, Private S. Clare.

Private *S. Clare* (a native of London, a brass finisher, attested at Westminster on the 6th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint to make, but as I hear the Company's abolished I want my discharge as I'm tired of the country. It's too hot for me. I'm sick of soldiering altogether.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took the oath of allegiance to be faithful to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir. [Withdraws.

624th Complainant, Private J. Clough.

Private *J. Clough* (a native of Blackburn, a moulder, attested at Blackburn on the 4th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I think I'd take it if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering, and want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

625th Complainant, Private J. Campton.

Private *J. Campton* (a native of Cork, a shoemaker, attested at Cork on the 23d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, and if the Company's broke up I think I'm entitled

to my discharge, and I'd take it if I had the chance, and go home, as this country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I don't recollect taking either of these oaths. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

626th Complainant, Private J. Cook.

Private *J. Cook* (a native of Hampshire, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 10th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now they tell me I have to serve the Queen, and I never listed to serve the Queen. I want my discharge, and I'd take it if I got the chance, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp,* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part of the oath is not what I took; I took the second. My oath was to serve the Company, and to be true to the Queen, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

627th Complainant, Private R. Cooney.

Private *R. Cooney* (a native of Derbyshire, a carman, attested at Westminster on the 13th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and two more if required, and I want my discharge. The country doesn't agree with me, and I'd take it and go home if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect now what oath I took, but there was something in it about heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

628th Complainant, Private E. Connell.

Private *E. Connell* (a native of Fermoy, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 22d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I want to volunteer and get a bounty if there's one given, and if there isn't, why I'd stop without it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect what oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

629th Complainant, Private J. Cochrane.

Private *J. Cochrane* (a native of Fife, a labourer, attested at Stirling on the 30th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I think myself entitled to a bounty or a free discharge, as I dont like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect the oath, but there was something in it about Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

630th Complainant, Private J. Crothers.

Private *D. Crothers* (a native of county Antrim, a weaver, attested at Belfast on the 18th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and, now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and to be sent home; and I'd go if I got the chance, as I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect the oath. It was to serve the Company. There might have been something about the Queen, but I don't remember it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

631st Complainant, Private M. Collins.

Private *M. Collins* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Nenagh on the 17th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company, and as the Company's broke up I ought to have a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I'd rather soldier at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

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Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–8, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is pretty near the thing. My oath was to serve the Company, and to be true to Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *A. Cullen* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested in Dublin on the 12th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 632d Complainant, Private A. Cullen.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it and go home, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first. My oath was to serve the Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *S. Cooper* (a native of Birmingham, a carman, attested at Westminster on the 14th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 633d Complainant, Private S. Cooper.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 or 14 years if required, and as the Company's abolished I'd like my discharge, and would go home if I got it, as I've had quite enough of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Not the first one. The second is just like what I took. There wasn't a word about the Queen in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *S. Donovan* (a native of county Cork, a harness-maker, attested at Cork on the 22d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 634th Complainant, Private S. Donovan.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and as the Company is broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first is not the oath I took; the second is like it; my oath was to serve the Company, and to be loyal to Her heirs and successors, but not to serve Her Majesty, and it didn't say whose heirs and successors I was to be loyal to.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *P. Dwyer* (a native of county Tipperary, attested at Clonmel on the 15th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 635th Complainant, Private P. Dwyer.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and as I understand the Company is broken up, I look for a free discharge, and I'd take it, if I got it, and go home, as I'm tired of the country, but not of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be loyal to her heirs and successors.

Whose heirs and successors?—I can't rightly remember, but I suppose it was Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

Private *R. Delaney* (a native of county Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Nenagh on the 9th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 636th Complainant, Private R. Delaney.

What's your complaint?—I have got no complaint, sir, only that I want to get out of the country, I have been sick; I took an oath for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I hear the Company's done away with now, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—To serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty; it said heirs and successors; but not whose heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

637th Complainant, Private J. Donnelly.

Private *J. Donnelly* (a native of Dublin, a pinmaker, attested in Dublin on the 23d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. The country doesn't agree with me very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath. The second is more like it; I swore to be true to the Queen, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

638th Complainant, Private P. Duggan.

Private *P. Duggan* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at Galway on the 7th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I understand that the East India Company is broken up, and that I'm entitled to my discharge; if I got it I might enlist, but couldn't say.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to obey Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

639th Complainant, Private A. Duncan.

Private *A. Duncan* (a native of Wolverhampton, a labourer, attested at Southampton on the 29th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I've never been well since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the Company, but there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

640th Complainant, Private J. Dunne.

Private *J. Dunne* (a native of Dublin, a sawyer, attested in Dublin on the 2d May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I might enlist again if I got it, but I don't know.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company. There wasn't a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir. [Withdraws.

641st Complainant. Private D. Flood.

Private *D. Flood* (a native of Carlow, a labourer, attested at Carlow on the 14th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's demolished, I want my discharge, and I don't want to soldier any more.

Have you your attestation paper?—No.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

642d Complainant, Private J. Fox.

Private J. Fox (a native of London, a farrrier, attested at Little Warley on the 28th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and as the Company's broke up I think I ought to get my discharge, and I'd take my discharge if I had the chance, as I've had plenty of soldiering since I've been in it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

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Private *M. Hare* (a native of county Galway, a weaver, attested at Gort on the 22d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 643d Complainant, Private M. Hare.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or not exceeding 14, and as the Company is abolished I think I'm entitled to a free discharge. I'd take it, as this country doesn't agree with me, and I might enlist again at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—Why, I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and there was nothing about the Queen in it, that I remember of.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *O. Hawley* (a native of Gravesend, a labourer, attested at Westminster on the 29th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 644th Complainant, Private O. Hawley.

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint, sir, but if there is any bounty or anything going I should like to get it.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. Hayes* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 10th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 645th Complainant, Private P. Hayes.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to a bounty or discharge, and I'd prefer my discharge, as I haven't good health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—That's all, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Hogson* (a native of Manchester, a plumber, attested at Manchester on the 5th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 646th Complainant, Private J. Hogson.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and now the Company's abolished I wish for my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these, the last is more like it, but not the same. I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and 14 if required. It didn't say anything about Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Jeffries* (a native of Gloucestershire, a piecer, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne on the 20th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 647th Complainant, Private W. Jeffries.

What's your complaint?—The East India Company's broke up, and I wish to get my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take either of these. I don't remember what oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. Kennedy* (a native of Dublin, a tailor, attested at Dublin on the 28th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 648th Complainant, Private H. Kennedy.

What's your complaint?—I was enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as my health's not good, and I don't particularly like soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the*

schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*) ?—I did'nt take these. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

649th Complainant, Private T. Mahoney.

Private *T. Mahoney* (a native of Cork, a bellows-maker, attested at Cork on the 26th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and I want my discharge. I wouldn't enlist again if I got it, my health is not good.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*) ?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

650th Complainant, Private J. McGrath.

Private *J. McGrath* (a native of county Clare, a shoemaker, attested at Limerick on the 21st April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and now the Company's broke up I think I'm entitled to my discharge. My health's not good, and I'm tired of this country.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*) ?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, heirs and successors, and there was nothing about the Queen in the oath that I remember.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

651st Complainant, Private J. McGee.

Private *J. McGee* (a native of Lanarkshire, a labourer, attested at Edinburgh on the 11th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I have no complaint to make, only that I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, and two more if required, and the Company's abolished, and I want my discharge ; I have bad health, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*) ?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

652d Complainant, Private P. Maguire.

Private *P. Maguire* (a native of Dublin, a tailor, attested in Dublin on the 4th May 1858), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I want my discharge, as this country doesn't agree with me ; and I'm entitled to it, as the Company is abolished.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*) ?—I don't remember what oath I took.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

653d Complainant, Private H. Newland.

Private *H. Newland* (a native of London, a French polisher, attested at Warley on the 28th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I want my discharge, sir ; I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required ; and now the Company's abolished, I'd take my discharge if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*) ?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say ?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

654th Complainant, Private P. Passmore.

Private *P. Passmore* (a native of Tavistock, a labourer, attested at Plymouth on the 16th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint ?—I listed for the Company, and now it's abolished I want a free discharge, as my health is bad.

Have you your attestation paper ?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company; there wasn't a word of Her Majesty in it. I forget what else.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Rigney* (a native of county Galway, a weaver, attested at Gort on the 4th May 1858), being called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 655th Complainant, Private J. Rigney.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now it's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I haven't had two days' health in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I took neither of these. The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it, but something about heirs and successors, but I don't remember what.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Sambrooke* (a native of Birmingham, a labourer, attested at Birmingham on the 14th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 656th Complainant, Private J. Sambrooke.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for a period not exceeding 14 years, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I haven't been well since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—Nothing more, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *T. Saunders* (a native of Worcestershire, a labourer, attested at Coventry on the 16th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 657th Complainant, Private J. Saunders.

What's your complaint?—The Company's broke up, and I wish for my discharge; I don't know whether I'd enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; I can't remember anything about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Sheridan* (a native of Cork, a harness-maker, attested at Cork on the 28th February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 658th Complainant, Private R. Sheridan.

What's your complaint?—The Company's broke up, and I wish to get my discharge; I haven't good health, and have spent a good deal of my time in hospital.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took. The oath I took, was to serve the East India Company, and to be faithful to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. Sharp* (a native of county Galway, a tailor, attested at Gort on the 20th May 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 659th Complainant, Private H. Sharp.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I want my discharge; the country agrees with me very well, but soldiering doesn't.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company, her heirs and successors, and not a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Jackson* (a native of Mayo, a clerk, attested at Galway, on the 13th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 660th Complainant, Private W. Jackson.

What's your complaint?—I understand the East India Company's broke up, and I am entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as I could do better at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I didn't take, but I did the second, and to be loyal to her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

661st Complainant, Private R. Donaghan.

Private *R. Donaghan* (a native of Armagh, a weaver, attested at Dublin on the 10th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—As the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, as I don't feel right at all in the morning. I'm very weak.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

662d Complainant, Private P. Williams.

Private *P. Williams* (a native of county Meath, a tailor, attested in Ballybay on the 3d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have been enlisted and sworn in for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the Company's deceased and abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as I've not been well at all.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—This is not it. There was nothing about generals and officers in the oath I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

663d Complainant, Private H. Wilson.

Private *H. Wilson* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested in Edinburgh on the 27th May 1858), called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company for 12 years' and two more if required; and as the Company is done away with, I believe I shall get my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it. I've not bad health, but I'm tired of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws

664th Complainant, Private J. White.

Private *J. White* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 9th April 1858) being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and it's a clear case that they don't want my services, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it, as I think it's a wrong thing to make me soldier for a person I wasn't sworn to serve.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Well, sir, if they have my attestation paper at Calcutta, and this oath is in it, I'll then look upon myself as bound to serve, if my own signature is to it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

665th Complainant, Private W. White.

Private *W. White* (a native of Glasgow, a cabinet-maker, attested at Glasgow on the 1st April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—That's not at all like it, quite the contrary. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *N. Holden* (a native of Perth, a baker, attested at Edinburgh on the 9th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 666th Complainant, Private N. Holden.

What's your complaint?—Something similar to the rest of them, sir. I listed for the East India Company, and the Company's abolished, and I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or a free discharge. I dinna ken which I'd take, but I think my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—No; that (the first part) is nothing like it. There was nothing about the Crown in it. There might have been something about Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors; the second is something like it.

Anything more to say?—No; I think that'll do.

[Withdraws.

Private *S. Dogherty* (a native of King's County, a tailor, attested at Limerick on the 15th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 667th Complainant, Private S. Dogherty.

What's your complaint?—I think the Company's done away with, and I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as I could do better at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and there wasn't a word at all about Her Majesty in it that I could hear.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns at 4 o'clock p.m., till to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Wednesday*, 8 *June* 1859.

THE Court assemble at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment:—All present, as yesterday.

There being no more complaints in the F. Troop, the Court proceeds to hear the complaints of the men of the H. Troop.

Corporal *J. Chipperfield* (a native of London, a boot-closer, attested at Southwark on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 668th Complainant, Corporal J. Chipperfield.

Q. What's your complaint?—*A.* I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and I believe the Company is now abolished; I think I'm entitled to a bounty or discharge, and I would take a bounty if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part of the oath I didn't take, the second part is like what I took, and there was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Trumpeter *W. Treanor* (a native of county Tyrone, an iron dresser, attested at Armagh on the 5th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 669th Complainant, Private W. Treanor.

What's your complaint?—Having taken the oath to serve the East India Company, which is now abolished, I think myself entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. I have'nt had a day's good health in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I don't recollect the first part of the oath nor the second either. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and I don't remember anything about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Bates* (a native of Berkshire, a carpenter, attested at Westminster on the 14th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 670th Complainant. Private J. Bates.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is no more I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh bounty, and I would take a bounty if it was a good one.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part I didn't take. The second part I don't remember. My oath was to serve the Company, and there was nothing of Her Majesty that I recollect.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

671st Complainant, Private J. Boynham.

Private *J. Boynham* (a native of Hereford, a boot-closer, attested at Westminster on the 15th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is being turned over to Her Majesty, when I didn't enlist for her, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh bounty, and I'd like to see them laid down together before I made up my mind what to do.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I took the second part, not the first, except about heirs and successors.

Whose heirs and successors?—I don't know, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

672d Complainant, Private J. Brien.

Private *J. Brien* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 19th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part, but the second is something like it, but not exactly the thing; there was nothing of Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

673d Complainant, Private P. Brazil.

Private *P. Brazil* (a native of Limerick, a cork-cutter, attested at Clonmel on the 6th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is, that I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I have a wife and family at home, and if they come out to me I should be content to remain.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested? Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths, but the second is something like it. My oath was for the Company, and to obey Her Majesty, heirs, and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

674th Complainant, Private M. Callaghan.

Private *M. Callaghan* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 2d July 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—The Company is done away with, and I think I ought to be done away with. I want my discharge and to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Honourable East India Company. There was'nt a word of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

675th Complainant, Private T. Cartright.

Private *T. Cartright* (a native of Pontypool, a boatman, attested at Cardiff on the 12th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or bounty, and I'd take a bounty if one was given.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to obey her heirs and successors. There was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *D. Canning* (a native of Glasgow, a weaver, attested at Glasgow on the 12th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 676th Complainant, Private D. Canning.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh enlistment, and I might re-enlist if a bounty was given, but I don't know.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir; none was ever given to me.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths are the same; my oath was to serve the East India Company, and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *T. Checkley* (a native of Birmingham, a labourer, attested at Manchester on the 14th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 677th Complainant, Private T. Checkley.

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I listed for the Company, and now it's broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or bounty; and I'd prefer my discharge, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company; there was'nt a word about Her Majesty's in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *E. Cox* (a native of Birmingham, a gasfitter, attested at Birmingham on the 18th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 678th Complainant, Private E. Cox.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve in the Company's Light Cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I could do better at home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths are what I took; my oath was to be loyal to Her Majesty, and Her heirs and successors, and to serve the East India Company.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Cummins* (a native of Clonmel, a labourer, attested at Clonmel on the 19th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 679th Complainant, Private J. Cummins.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the East India Company, for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Cunningham* (a native of Glasgow, a shoemaker, attested at Glasgow on the 28th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 680th Complainant, Private J. Cunningham.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and the Company is now disembodied; and I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a bounty; and I might take a good bounty, if it was offered.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *C. Dawson* (a native of Blackburn, a stonemason, attested at Blackburn on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 681st Complainant, Private C. Dawson.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the late East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to respect Her Majesty, and to serve the East India Company; but not to serve Her Majesty. It's impossible to serve two masters.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

682d Complainant, Private J. Divine.

Private *J. Divine* (a native of Paisley, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 5th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a bounty or discharge; and I don't know which I'd take, if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and her heirs and successors.

Whose heirs and successors?—I can't answer.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

683d Complainant, Private J. Devereux.

Private *J. Devereux* (a native of London, a smith, attested in London on the 2d January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; and I'd take it if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

684th Complainant, Private W. Elliot.

Private *W. Elliot* (a native of Newry, a butcher, attested at Kilkenny on the 14th July 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is not having listed for Her Majesty, and being turned over without any recompense; and I'd like my discharge, if I could get it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part is not like, the second is; and in addition I swore to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

685th Complainant, Private W. Few.

Private *W. Few* (a native of Salisbury, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I haven't had a day's health in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

686th Complainant, Private M. Finlay.

Private *M. Finlay* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 2d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was listed and attested to serve the East India Company, and as the Company's broke up, I look for my discharge; but I might re-enlist if there was a suitable bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to be loyal to the East India Company, and to respect Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

687th Complainant, Private J. Flynn.

Private *J. Flynn* (a native of Glasgow, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 25th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and not for Her Majesty, and I don't wish to soldier for her against my will, and I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, it's at home.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal and true to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

688th Complainant, Private J. Fury.

Private *J. Fury* (a native of Athlone, a labourer, attested at Athlone on the 14th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away, I want my discharge, as I am tired of soldiering in this country. I haven't my health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal and true to Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

Withdraws.

689th Complainant, Private J. Glennan.

Private *J. Glennan* (a native of Dublin, a butcher, attested in Dublin on the 3d March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company's Cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge; but I wouldn't say at present whether I'd take it or enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

690th Complainant, Private A. Gibson.

Private *A. Gibson* (a native of Aberdeen, a moulder, attested at Dundee on the 12th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Not being asked whether I'm willing to serve the Queen when the Company's broke up, and if I got a bounty I should be willing to remain.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part is not like what I took, the second is; but I don't remember if there was anything about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

691st Complainant, Private W. Giddinson.

Private *W. Giddinson* (a native of Warwickshire, a weaver, attested at Coventry on the 18th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to a discharge or fresh bounty, and I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*Complainant cannot read*)?—I don't recollect anything whatever about the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

692d Complainant, Private T. Grainger.

Private *T. Grainger* (a native of Hereford, a clerk, attested at Bristol on the 7th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and swore to be true to them, and I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or discharge, and I'd like to use my discretion which I'd take when I saw them before me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first part I took none at all of, the second is none like; I don't recollect anything about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

693d Complainant, Private E. Hunter.

Private *E. Hunter* (a native of Birmingham, a button stamper, attested at Birmingham on the 15th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and as the Company has now ceased to hold power in India, I think my contract with the Company is void, and that I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd like to take it, as I am not fit for a soldier, on account of my eyes.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to Complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths are what I took; my oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

No. 21.

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Draft Military (India), No. 329.

Letters in the Military Department.

No. 95, dated 2 July 1859.
No. 99, dated 9 July 1859.
No. 109, dated 16 July 1859.

Reporting further proceedings regarding the manifestation of discontent by the local European troops, and the state of the 5th European Regiment at Berhampore.

My Lord, India Office, London, 23 September 1859.

Para. 1. In continuation of my despatch, No. 302, dated 31 August 1859, I now reply to your letters named in the margin.

2. A portion of the enclosure of the letters under reply relate to the proceedings of the Governments of Madras and Bombay, in reference to the claim for discharge or re-enlistment advanced by the soldiers of the local European regiments.

3. The reports from Madras had already reached me direct, and were replied to in my Despatch, No. 132, dated 15 September 1859, a copy of which has been transmitted to you.

4. The reports from Bombay refer to a small portion only of the local European force at that Presidency, and it is satisfactory to observe that the soldiers have stated their claims and supposed grievances in a respectful and subordinate manner.

5. The proceedings of your Government in allowing the soldiers generally to have time for consideration before finally taking their discharge are approved.

6. The reports which you transmit of the effects which have followed the measures taken by Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie at Berhampore, and of the state of the 5th European Regiment are satisfactory, and I am glad to learn that you have been able, with the full concurrence of his Excellency the Commander in Chief, to place that regiment once more under the command of one of its own officers.

7. I learn with much regret that the health of Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie has suffered so severely in performance of the delicate and harassing duty entrusted to him.

I have, &c.
Charles Wood.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
the Governor General of India in Council.

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Letter from India, dated 25 July 1859 (No. 111).

In continuation of our separate letter, No. 109, of the 16th instant, we have the honour to transmit further proceedings of the Court of Inquiry at Meerut, up to and including the 28th day's sitting, which completes the proceedings of the court.

We also transmit the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry held at Gwalior for a similar purpose.

It will be observed that some of the men of the Artillery and 3d European Regiment, who were examined before this court, brought forward complaints of not having received compensation for loss of kit, and that their clothing accounts had not been properly adjusted.

From the explanations submitted by their commanding officers, it would appear that these complaints were, to a great extent, if not wholly unfounded; but the Commander in Chief has directed the assembly of a Special Court of Inquiry to investigate into these matters.

Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, commanding at Berhampore, having reported that the state of his health is not such as to enable him to continue to perform his duties efficiently, we have, with the concurrence of the Commander in Chief, sent Brigadier J. Christie, commanding at Barrackpore, to assume command temporarily of the station of Berhampore.

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In relieving Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, we have expressed our entire approval of the manner in which he has carried out our instructions and wishes in the discharge of the very invidious duty imposed upon him.

Enclosed are also copies of circulars addressed by the Commander in Chief to officers commanding divisions requiring that the 30 days which, according to the regulations, must intervene before a man's discharge is given to him, shall be allowed to elapse before the men are allowed to sign the usual declaration on obtaining discharge; directing the omission of the last two lines of the declaration which refer to re-enlistment after six months, and to the cause of discharge, and desiring that, as soon as practicable after the expiration of the 30 days, nominal rolls may be forwarded of the men who may have availed themselves of the option of withdrawing their names.

No. 95, dated 7 July 1859.

No. 98, dated 9 July 1859.

No. 3047, dated 15 July 1859.

Enclosure 1, in No. 22.

From Major *H. W. Norman*, Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 776, dated Head Quarters, Simla, the 2d July 1859.) Encl. 1, in No. 22.

I HAVE the honour, by desire of the Commander in Chief, to transmit for the information of his Excellency the Governor General in Council a letter from Brigadier General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., Commanding Gwalior Division, No. 412, of 20th ultimo, transmitting the proceedings of a Court of Inquiry to investigate the dissatisfaction existing amongst the British soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian army and other documents connected with the same subject.

2. I am further to report, that Lord Clyde has directed the immediate assembly of special courts at Gwalior to inquire into the complaints brought forward by the men of not having received compensation for loss of kit, or of not having had their clothing accounts properly adjusted.

Enclosure 2, in No. 22.

From Major *H. W. Norman*, Officiating Adjutant General of the Army,—(No. 2656, dated Head Quarters, Simla, the 25th June 1859.) Encl. 2, in No. 22.

REFERRED to the Judge Advocate General for report and opinion.

From Brigadier General Sir *R. Napier*, K. C. B., Commanding Gwalior Division, to the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Simla,—(No. 412, dated Morar, 20th June 1859.)

I HAVE the honour to forward the proceedings of the Court assembled at Gwalior to inquire into the dissatisfaction exhibited by the men of the 3d Bengal European regiment, together with transmitting letter from the President of the Court.

As there were no officers of rank at Sepree, similar to those forming the Courts of Inquiry at the larger stations, I directed the officer commanding to call the men severally to his orderly room, and take down their statements. The result is annexed to the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry.

I have annexed an abstract, showing the nature of the complaints of each set of men, from which it appears that at Gwalior 447 men claim a free discharge; at Sepree, 74 men are aggrieved at the transfer to the services of the Crown.

I have had no cause whatever to find fault with the conduct of the regiment since my last report, dated the 26th of May 1859.

From Major *Alfred Light*, Commanding 2d Company 5th Battalion Artillery, to Brigadier Sir *Charles Steuart*, K.C.B., President, Court of Inquiry,—(No. 137, dated Gwalior 12th June 1859.)

I HAVE the honour to solicit the favour of your allowing this letter to accompany the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry, over which you presided, lately assembled here, and before which the men of my company were summoned to state their claims and grievances.

My object is to show that the unadjusted state of the clothing of the company is not caused by any fault of mine.

I must begin by stating that the claim of any men present with the company on the 1st of January 1858 for clothing for 1857 is a wrong and unfounded one, and only caused by a misinterpretation of a late order, changing the designation of the clothing from the past to the present year.

All these men, as well as every other soldier, have regularly received from the Company their clothing, boots, or compensation in lieu thereof, up to the year 1858.

For that year, two pairs of serge pantaloons and one full dress cap, or their equivalent in money, are due to every man borne on the rolls on the 1st of January.

Pantaloons of a wrong description, and unserviceable full dress caps were received at Agra, but condemned by a committee, and this matter is now under the consideration of the Superintendent of Army Clothing.

A large draft (50) of recruits joined the company in May 1858, and those men have just claims still unadjusted for clothing, for part of 1857 and for 1858. The disturbed state of the country at the time they landed, and the difficulty of sending clothing to Meerut, I imagine to have been the cause of their not having had the clothing served out to them at the recruit depôt: moreover, since the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry have come to a close, in a letter from the quartermaster of the battalion, dated Agra, 7th June 1859, I have heard that full compensation in lieu of this unadjusted clothing has been passed.

Every man has received his full and entire clothing for the present year. The claim made by Gunner M. Perry for a Burmah medal was never made by him till he appeared before the Court. All other men in the company who lost medals at the same time he lost his, have not only made their claims, but have received fresh medals. The man was too lazy or indolent to speak until he could make his loss a subject of complaint.

As to the matter of compensation for loss of kit on the 5th July 1857 at Agra, brought forward by Serjeant Roe, Gunners Dobbin, Crichton, and Kilpatrick, the amount due to each man was fixed by a station committee.

It is a matter of deep regret to me that so many men of a company commanded by me should claim their discharge from, and thus express their discontent at the service; but their doing so was, I believe, as unpremeditated on the part of nearly all the men as it was unexpected by me that they would do so.

NOMINAL ROLL of MEN of the 2d Company 5th Battalion Bengal Artillery.

Morar, Gwalior, 27 May 1859.

No.	Register No.	NAMES.	RANK.	Services. Years.	Services. Months.	REMARKS.
1	1,072	Armour, William	Gunner	14	7	No complaints.
	9,132	Armstrong, James	"	2	5	Statement.
	9,256	Alcock, William	"	2	8	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	9,142	Bell, James	"	2	5	Statement.
5	9,093	Bridgeman, William	"	2	9	Ditto.
	5,412	Brady, Michael	"	12	1	Ditto (about clothing, 1857).
	3,154	Burke, Lawrence	"	17	3	No complaints.
	8,416	Buckley, Michael	"	4	9	Statement.
	8,420	Brown, John	Bombardier	4	7	No complaints.
10	10,025	Bordmon, John	Gunner	1	4	Statement.
	2,733	Capper, Joseph	Staff serjeant	29	1	No complaints.
	5,438	Casey, James	Gunner	12	1	Ditto.
	7,274	Casey, Daniel	"	7	9	Prisoner. Statement.
	3,322	Crichton, John	"	17	3	Ditto - ditto - (about clothing.)
15	8,390	Connelly, Owen	"	16	2	No complaints.
	8,383	Costollos, Jeremiah	"	11	11	Ditto.
	9,148	Curry, William	"	2	4	Statement.
	9,272	Clayton, Robert	"	2	8	Ditto.
	9,271	Creed, Seth	"	2	8	Ditto.
20	9,600	Clearey, Michael	"	1	8	At Recruit Depôt, Meerut.
	8,531	Cole, Charles	Corporal	4	0	No complaints.
	9,163	Duggan, Thomas	Gunner	2	3	Statement.
	9,281	Dalton, James	"	2	8	Ditto.
	8,101	Daly, Charles	"	5	6	Ditto.
25	6,855	Dobbin, Samuel	"	9	0	Ditto.
	10,030	Davis, James	"	1	3	Ditto.
	10,031	Dobson, Robert	"	1	3	Ditto.
	8,225	Edwards, William John	"	5	3	Ditto.
	9,288	Evans, Abraham	"	2	5	Ditto.
30	9,292	Faulkner, Roberts	"	2	8	Ditto.

No.	Register No.	Names.	Rank.	Services. Years.	Services. Months.	Remarks.
	7,299	Foley, Dominick	Corporal	7	7	No complaints.
	6,987	Finley, David	Quartermaster serjeant.	8	3	Ditto.
	8,041	Fox, James	Gunner	5	7	No complaints.
	7,633	Gates, Charles	Serjeant	6	10	Steward artillery head quarters' mess.
35	8,303	Gatheral, John	Corporal	5	1	Statement.
	8,409	Gilbert, William	Half-pay bugler	3	7	Half-pay bugler.
	9,169	Graham, Henry	Gunner	2	4	Statement.
	9,295	Gordon, Walter	,,	2	6	Ditto.
	9,294	Green, James	,,	2	7	Ditto.
40	9,500	Graham, Walter	,,	2	1	Ditto.
	9,300	Hill, Edmund	,,	2	6	No complaints.
	9,302	Honten, Timothy	,,	2	6	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	9,172	Hughes, David	A. F. St.	2	3	No complaints.
	9,297	Hughes, Erwin	Gunner	4	4	Statement.
45	9,428	Hopkins, M. F.	,,	1	11	Prisoner. Statement.
	5,174	Haslet, James	,,	12	5	No complaints.
	7,312	Hickey, William	Bombardier	7	7	Statement.
	7,636	Hay, Arthur	Serjeant	7	2	No complaints.
	7,639	Hodder, John	Gunner	6	11	Statement.
50	8,453	Hatch, Henry	,,	4	7	Ditto.
	7,640	Hopkins, L.	Bombardier	6	11	Ditto.
	10,042	Hollingsworth, J.	Gunner	1	2	Ditto.
	6,155	Jones, Fred. R.	,,	11	1	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	9,179	Jones, Edward	,,	2	6	Statement.
55	6,874	Kilpatrick, Robert	,,	9	0	Ditto.
	5,510	King, Hugh	Serjeant	12	0	No complaints.
	9,318	Kelly, Michael	Gunner	2	5	Statement.
	9,322	Keilly, Rodger	,,	2	6	Ditto.
	10,045	Kerr, John	,,	1	2	Ditto.
60	10,045	Kilner, James	,,	1	2	Ditto.
	9,322	Lynch, Richard	Gunner	2	7	Ditto.
	8,467	Lindsay, John	,,	4	6	Ditto.
	10,047	Leary, Cornelius	,,	1	2	Ditto.
	6,768	M'Gill, Robert	Farrier serjeant	9	2	No complaints.
65	7,043	M'Donell, J. A.	Corporal	8	6	Ditto.
	1,333	M'Kenzie, William	Gunner	22	10	Ditto.
	8,472	M'Dade, David	,,	4	7	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	7,452	Monissey, Thomas	,,	7	6	Statement.
	7,453	Murphy, Michael	,,	7	6	No complaints.
70	7,458	M'Carthy, Timothy	,,	7	5	Statement.
	7,461	M'Taggart, Charles	,,	–	5	No complaints.
	9,110	M'Kay, Alexander	Bombardier	2	10	Statement.
	9,111	Mullaney, Michael	,,	2	6	No complaints.
	9,191	M'Cardle, James	Gunner	2	4	Statement.
75	9,194	Miller, William	,,	2	2	Ditto.
	9,334	M'Dowell, John	,,	2	6	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	9,382	M'Lean, Thomas	,,	2	11	No complaints.
	9,536	Mitchell, Robert	,,	1	10	Statement.
	9,329	Mooney, Peter	,,	2	8	Ditto.
80	10,049	M'Bane, Henry	,,	1	5	Ditto.
	10,050	Marsden, William	,,	1	4	Ditto.
	10,051	Moodie, Archibald	,,	1	3	No complaints.
	10,052	M'Mullen, James	,,	1	3	Statement.
	9,443	Nowlan, Francis	,,	2	0	Ditto.
85	6,788	Oakley, F. H.	,,	9	7	Ditto.
	3,144	Perry, Thomas	,,	10	7	No complaints.
	3,145	Perry, Michael	,,	10	3	Statement (about clothing).
	9,212	Pate, John	,,	2	5	Statement.
	9,215	Quigley, Thomas	,,	2	4	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
90	4,205	Roe, Charles E.	Serjeant	14	6	Statement (about clothing).
	9,929	Russell, Stephen	Half-pay bugler	0	7	Half-pay bugler.
	6,115	Russell, William	Gunner	11	2	Statement.
	8,355	Ready, Patrick	Corporal	5	0	At Roorkee College.
	9,216	Robinson, John	Gunner	2	6	Statement.
95	9,222	Robinson, John	,,	2	0	Prisoner, ditto.
	2,036	Saunders, Alfred	Bombardier	19	4	No complaints.
	9,358	Sullivan, Jeremiah	Gunner	2	2	Statement modified.
	7,241	Stevenson, John	Serjeant	7	10	No complaints.
	6,806	Stafford, Tobias	,,	9	2	Statement.

No.	Register No.	Names.	Rank.	Services. Years.	Services. Months.	Remarks.
100	9,084	Selkirk, John	Gunner	3	6	Statement.
	9,456	Smith, George	,,	2	0	Ditto.
	9,547	Scott, John	,,	1	11	At Landour Convalescent Depôt.
	9,024	Salter, William	,,	2	11	Statement.
	10,061	Stanfield, Thomas	,,	1	3	Ditto.
105	9,461	Tracy, Hugh	,,	1	11	Ditto.
	7,263	Timnington, William	Corporal	17	3	No complaints.
	3,909	Wall, W. J.	Serjeant	15	11	Ditto.
	8,604	Williams, David	Gunner	3	11	Statement.
	9,373	Watts, John	,,	2	6	Ditto.
110	6,669	Williamson, Henry	Bugler	8	7	No complaints.

Alfred Light, Major,
Commanding 2d Company 5th Battalion Bengal Artillery.

From Colonel *W. Riddell*, Commanding 3d European Regiment, to the Major of Brigade, 1st Brigade, Gwalior Division,—(No. 428, dated Morar, Gwalior, the 11th June 1859.)

Adverting to the numerous claims for losses of kits and necessaries in the Fort of Agra during the year 1857, brought forward as complaints by the men of the regiment under my command at the Court of Inquiry, of which Brigadier Sir C. S. Stuart, K.C.B., is President, I have the honour to offer the following explanation for the consideration of the Brigadier commanding, and for eventual transmission to army head quarters, through the Brigadier General commanding the Gwalior Division.

2. On the abandonment of the cantonments of Agra, and the withdrawal of the troops into the fort on the 5th July 1857, a large quantity of the baggage of the men of the regiment, who were on special duties on that morning, chiefly belonging to Nos. 3, 4, and 7 Companies were lost or destroyed through the insurgents. The remainder of their baggage was all packed up and sent off to the fort, which it reached in safety, and was taken charge of by the officers on duty there with Nos. 5 and 6, and the light companies soon afterwards. On matters becoming a little more settled, an order was issued for all claims for compensation on account of losses of kits and necessaries to be received and registered by officers of companies under the Regulations of Government, No. 278 of 1855, published in General Order, Commander in Chief, the 14th March 1855.

3. This duty was strictly carried out, and the lists of claims were kept open until after the return of the corps from field service to Agra in July 1858, when the register of all established claims was closed, and the bill was submitted to Government, which bill has since been passed, and the amounts paid to the men.

4. With reference to the claims now preferred, it will be observed from the letters herewith appended, from the only officers now present with the regiment who are cognizant of the particulars, that the losses now alleged by the men never occurred; that whatever small losses may have arisen were never brought forward by them, and that if any losses were really sustained, they must have been attributable to the carelessness of the men themselves in not securing their own, or appropriating articles belonging to their comrades, in the bustle and confusion of the first few days after reaching the fort, and owing to the crowded state of the store-room placed at the disposal of the regiment.

5. As regards the extent of losses of this nature in the fort, I am fully convinced that it was very trifling, as the men have never been without a fair amount of clothing and necessaries. This is proved by the heaps of packs in the stores when the regiment was first thrown into the fort; by the fact of the estates of men killed or dead from wounds realising an average amount by the sale of their kits; by the men having all been able to provide themselves with two (2) suits of khakee each, by dyeing white clothing already in their possession; and further, on our leaving Agra for Mynpooree in February 1858, by my being obliged to advise officers of companies not to allow the men to burthen themselves with more baggage than was actually necessary for a field equipment. Again, on the final return of the regiment to Agra in July 1858, the men had then tolerably good kits, and many of them quantities of white clothing, so much so, that when its wear was discontinued I was induced to permit them to dispose of such articles as they did not require, to recruits, pending the preparation of the new khakee uniform.

6. From these considerations, I am reluctantly compelled to conclude that the claims now advanced by the men are generally unfounded, or at the least much exaggerated, and I am led to infer from the way in which they have been brought forward, that the men have made

made them from disappointment at not receiving, like other troops engaged in the field, any donation batta as a remuneration for the extra expenses and wear and tear caused by their incessant employment on arduous duties during the eventful period that the regiment has been on service.

7. Brigadier Sir C. S. Stuart will recollect that some of the men brought this forward when before the Court, and distinctly stated that they had been told by certain non-commissioned officers that each man would no doubt get alike, and that there was no use in bringing forward individual claims; and I would here remark that the only serjeants named by the men as having given this assurance, are either since dead, or removed from the regiment, and thus unable to refute these assertions; and I would beg most emphatically to deny that any ground for such an assumption was ever given, directly or indirectly, by myself or any other officer of the corps.

ENCLOSURES.

1.	Report from	Captain	Ross,	dated 4th	June 1859.
2.	„	„	Pond,	„ 7th	„
3.	„	Lieut.	Thomson,	„ 8th	„
4.	„	„	Saunders,	„ 8th	„
5.	„	„	Wimberley,	„ 4th	„

From Captain *W. F. Webster,* Commanding No. 3 Company, 3d European Regiment, to Captain *Scott,* Major of Brigade, Morar, Gwalior,—(dated Seepree, the 23d May 1859.)

IN reply to your letter, No. 260, of the 21st May, to the address of the officer commanding at Seepree, returning the petitions of the detachment of the 3d European Regiment at Seepree, agreeably to instructions conveyed in said letter, I have the honour to send annexed statement, which, as far as I have been able to ascertain by personally asking each man, contains the sentiments of the under-mentioned men of No. 3 Company, 3d European Regiment:—

1.	Private Soessel.		Private Nixon.		Private M'Carthy.
	„ Wm. Betts.	15.	„ P. Cummings.		„ Lyddy.
	„ J. Brown.		„ Magan.		„ Crowley.
	„ Hannan.		„ Mungull.		„ Grady.
5.	„ Laird.		„ M'Dounagh.	30.	„ Hope.
	„ Aitken.		„ Porter.		„ Carrell.
	„ Major.	20.	„ O'Keeffe.		„ Spowart.
	„ Milford.		„ John Jones.		„ Carney.
	„ Allen.		„ Kingdom.		Corporal Kehoe.
10.	„ Morris.		„ Douglas.	35.	„ Goodwin.
	„ Mulrony.		„ Prise.		Lance Serjt. Nicholson.
	„ Andrew.	25.	„ Derbyshire.	37.	Private Hynes.
	„ Wright.				

SUMMARY of Grievance complained of by some Men of No. 3 Company, 3d European Regiment.

Statement of a supposed Private of No. 3 Company.

I ENLISTED to serve in the Honourable East India Company's Infantry, which the following question will show: "Are you willing to serve in the Honourable East India Company's Infantry, for the term of 10 years, provided that the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer of any foreign station?" and not by the other form of Question No. 8, in the schedules annexed to the Mutiny Act for the year 1854, "Are you willing to serve in Her Majesty's army or in the forces of the East India Company, according as Her Majesty may think fit to order, for the term of years, provided that your services should so long be required, and also such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?"

I beg humbly to submit that, in my opinion, according to the meaning of the Mutiny Act, I cannot be transferred to Her Majesty's service without my consent or re-enlistment; and further, I beg to state what occurred when the Crown assumed the Government of St. Helena from the late East India Company—the troops there belonging to the said Company were not then transferred to the Crown, but received a free and unconditional discharge.

And I am further corroborated in my claim to discharge, on the late East India Company ceasing to exercise governmental powers in India, by what Lord Palmerston, Her Majesty's First Minister of the Crown, is reported to have stated in the House of Commons, on introducing the first India Bill, viz., that "the other (the late East India Company's troops) will be transferred to the Crown, for the service of the country, subject to certain conditions of service under which they have enlisted, and, of course, if any of them should dislike the

change, they will be entitled to their discharge, if they prefer that rather than to serve the Queen on the same conditions and regulations under which they entered the service of the Company."

And, further, I beg most humbly to state, that I contracted to serve the East India Company, and no other party; that the said East India Company, ceasing their connexion with the Government of India, could not transfer me without my free will and consent.

In making this my statement, I beg to state that I do not yield in loyalty to Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen, or in patriotism to my country.

From Brigadier *C. S. Stuart*, C.B., Commanding 1st Brigade Gwalior Division, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Gwalior Division,—(No. 269, dated Morar, the 28th May 1859.)

Petition of men of the detachment of 3d Bengal European Regiment stationed at Seepree.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for submission to Brigadier General Sir R. Napier, K.C.B., commanding Gwalior Division, letter as per margin, received by me from the officer commanding at Seepree.

From Lieutenant *W. H. D. Orchard*, Commanding No. 8 Company, 3d European Regiment, to Captain *Scott*, Major of Brigade, Morar, Gwalior,—(dated Seepree, the 23d May 1859.)

AGREEABLY to instructions conveyed in your letter No. 260, of the 21st May, to the officer commanding at Seepree, I have the honour to annex a statement which contains the sentiments of the under-mentioned men of No. 8 Company, 3d European Regiment:

1.	Corporal	Capon.	15.	Private	M. Purcell.	29.	Private	W. Yonde.
	Private	Conolly.		,,	M. Curran.	30.	Serjeant	M. Carey.
	,,	M'Donald.		,,	H. Eagle.		Private	W. Phillips.
	,,	G. Fitzgerald.		,,	J. George.		,,	J. Elie.
5.	,,	J. Mahoney.		,,	M. Hanrahan.		,,	E. Hayes.
	Drummer	M. Goggan.	20.	,,	J. M'Kae.		,,	J. Barclay.
	Private	T. Danaher.		,,	J. Sullivan.	35.	,,	M. Enwright.
	,,	J. Keeffe.		,,	J. Brown.		,,	E. Riordan.
	,,	W. Connell.		,,	P. Hastings.		,,	M. White.
10.	,,	H. Campbell.		,,	M. Kienan.		,,	E. Weight.
	,,	J. Lyons.	25.	,,	G. Turner.			
	,,	W. Bowyer.		,,	T. Young.			
	,,	J. Keeffe.		,,	D. Keeffe.			
14.	,,	S. Smith.		,,	J. Thompson.			

SUMMARY of Grievance complained of by some of the Men of No. 8 Company, 3d European Regiment, dated the 16th May 1859.

I ENLISTED to serve in the Honourable East India Company's Infantry, which the following question will show: "Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Honourable East India Company's infantry for the term of years, provided the said Company should so long require your services, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?" and not by the other form of Question No. 8, in the schedules annexed to the Mutiny Act for the year 1854, "Are you willing to be attested to serve in Her Majesty's army, or in the forces of the East India Company, according as Her Majesty shall think fit to order, for the term of years, provided your services should so long be required, and also for such further term, not exceeding two years, as shall be directed by the commanding officer on any foreign station?"

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In making this my statement, I beg to state I do not yield in loyalty to Her most gracious Majesty the Queen, or in patriotism to my country.

ABSTRACT Return of the 3d Bengal European Regiment.

Morar, Gwalior, 3 June 1859.

DISTRIBUTION.	TOTAL NUMBER OF EACH.	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEN.
Number of men of all grades who have made statement of grievances before the Court of Inquiry held at Morar, Gwalior, of which Brigadier Sir C. S. Stuart, K.C.B., is President; viz.		
Who claim a free discharge - - - - -	447	
Who claim a discharge with the right to be re-enlisted or to volunteer with bounty, &c. - -	40	508
Who have miscellaneous grievances unconnected with the transfer question - - - - -	21	
Number of men who appeared before the Court of Inquiry, and who had no grievance or complaint - - - - - - - - - -	- - -	109
Number of men in confinement who were not examined by the Court of Inquiry - - - - -	- - -	25
Number of men absent from Regimental head quarters, including 99 men of Nos. 3 and 8 Companies, who form the detachment at Seepree, also not examined by the Court of Inquiry - -	- - -	131
TOTAL Strength of the Regiment of all grades on the 3d day of June 1859 - - - -	- - -	773

W. Riddell, Colonel,
Commanding 3d European Regiment.

From Brigadier Sir *C. Stuart*, K.C.B., Commanding 1st Brigade, Gwalior Division, President of the Court of Inquiry, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Gwalior Division,—(dated Morar Cantonment, Gwalior, 15th June 1859.

IN forwarding the accompanying proceedings of the Court of Inquiry ordered to inquire into any grievances the 2d Company 5th Battalion Bengal Artillery and 3d Bengal European Regiment may have, I beg to call particular attention to the statements of No. 125 on the Proceedings, Regimental No. 158, Private Thomas Holmes, 3d Bengal European Regiment; No. 22 on the Proceedings, on Regimental No. 6855, Private Samuel Dobbin, 2-5 Bengal Artillery; and No. 361 on the Proceedings, Regimental No. 743, Private John Keen, 3d Bengal European Regiment.

1st. The statement of No. 125 shows that the men did not refuse to turn out on parade, or break into mutiny, on the alleged grievance of being transferred to the Crown, before they considered that all legal appeal for redress had been closed to them, by circular letter No. 1152, Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters, Salroo, 22d April 1859, and General Order, No. 480 of 8th April 1859.

2d. The statement of No. 22 Artillery shows that the troops lately employed at Agra feel aggrieved that no notice of their services had been taken, the same as that of other troops, although they had equally fought, and undergone the same exposures, privations, and fatigues during the mutiny.

3d. The statement of No. 361, Private John Kean, 3d Bengal European Regiment, expresses more distinctly and fully the feelings of the men of that regiment than any other soldier the Court have had before it with respect to the grant of batta, which it appears the men generally expected the liberality of Government would grant them, although their services, for want of opportunity, had been less brilliant than those of other troops, they having been in their own estimation equally valuable and conducive to the interests of Government.

4th. The men of 2-5 Bengal Artillery have stated that they have not had their clothing accounts properly adjusted. I herewith enclose an explanatory letter from Major Light on that subject. The above impression is evidently strong in the minds of the men of this company, and may have influenced many of them in asking for their discharge, as well as on the plea of change of service from the Honourable East India Company to that of the Crown.

5th. The men of the 3d European Regiment complain that they have been great losers of kits while on service at and about Agra, and although probably not to nearly the extent now stated, it is to be regretted that the actual losses were not ascertained immediately by a Court of Inquiry, and the circumstances under which they were sustained especially laid before his Excellency the Commander in Chief for his consideration, although the commanding officer no doubt considered that he was only acting strictly according to regulations in refusing to submit such claim, as will be shown by Colonel Riddell's letter, with accompaniments.

6th: I beg respectfully to submit the above observations as being connected with the object for which the Court of Inquiry was assembled, namely, to ascertain complaints and what grievances the men considered themselves as suffering under, as they in my opinion, together with the fact of the men at the present time being quartered in less comfortable barracks and accommodation than they have been accustomed to, may, in a great measure, account for the unusual distaste for the service (which is to them exactly the same, as many of them have admitted, as that for which they enlisted, except in name) evinced by the majority of the men who have stated their grievances before this Court.

From Captain *A. Pond*, Commanding Grenadier Company, 3d European Regiment, to Lieutenant *E. B. Wimberley*, Adjutant, 3d Bengal European Regiment, Morar,—(dated Morar, Gwalior, the 7th June 1859).

In reply to your circular letter, No. 400, dated 3d June, I have the honour to state, for the information of the commanding officer, with reference to the claims preferred by the men of the Grenadier Company, before the Court of Inquiry assembled to record their grievances, that the claims preferred by these men for loss of their clothing in the Fort of Agra in the year 1857 were, without exception, unfounded and unjust. The loss of a white jacket, a shirt, a pair of trousers, or the like (which had been pilfered from their packs by their comrades in the regiment), did occasionally reach me, but nothing in the shape of a claim for the loss of an entire kit ever did reach me, although months elapsed before the claims which the men had been invited to make were sent in to Government.

Compensation for three men, for the loss of their kit by the destruction of the barracks on 5th July, was drawn for, passed, and has been paid to these men. They were not in Grenadier Company barrack, but attached to the drummers, who occupied a separate barrack along with the band-men.

Previous to the march of the regiment from cantonments to meet the insurgents on the 5th July 1857, I saw every article belonging to the men of the company laden and sent to the fort; the baggage was admitted and deposited in the fort square. The following morning the men of the company, although on duty at the Water-gate post, I allowed to go up by threes and fours at a time to the square to secure their baggage, and I cannot call to my recollection one instance of a man not having found his baggage. I mention also the fact that I, from amongst the heap of baggage, selected that of nine men of my company who had been killed in action the previous day, and a reference to my deceased estate book will show that all their kits were complete.

I had also several inspections of kits while in the fort, and I cannot call to mind any particular deficiencies.

I was constantly out on command when the extra baggage of the company was stored away in the regimental store-room, and taken out on return of the company to quarters. On these occasions partial losses and destruction of clothing from damp and by vermin (rats and mice) were reported to me, but nothing to constitute a claim which would have been admitted under Government Rules for compensation for losses was ever made.

From Captain *E. D. R. Ross*, Commanding No. 5 Company 3d European Regiment, to Lieutenant *E. B. Wimberley*, Adjutant 3d European Regiment, Morar,—(dated Morar, Gwalior, the 4th June 1859).

In reply to your letter, No. 400, of yesterday's date, calling for information as to the causes and extent of losses of kits, &c., by the men of the regiment in the Fort of Agra during the year 1857, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Commanding officer, that the company under my command (No. 5), went into the Fort of Agra some two or three days previous to the cantonments of Agra being abandoned on the 5th July 1857, and that all the baggage and kits of the men were safely removed into the fort, with the exception of a few men of the company who remained at regimental head-quarters, and who did lose some of their necessaries, for which they have received compensation.

2. As regards the loss of kits, &c., from the stores in the Fort of Agra to the extent now made out by the men, no report of any such losses was ever made to me, and I do not think the men could possibly have lost so much, as the key of the stores was always kept by the officer on duty at the Delhi Gate, and no man was allowed to go into the stores unless an officer was always present, so if anything was taken from the stores, it must have been by the men of the regiment, as no one else had access to the stores.

3. After

3. After the regiment went into the Fort of Agra in July 1857, the men never again wore white clothing, and if they lost kits to the extent they now make out, it is strange that in October 1857, I was detached to Allyghur, with three companies of the regiment, and immediately on my arrival there, I received an order from regimental head quarters to have two suits of the white clothing dyed khakee, and when I called the clothing in to be dyed, I found that every man of the detachment had that quantity of white clothing with him, and my own company, I know, had left, besides this, a good deal of baggage at Agra, which I afterward got out to Allyghur, when the head quarters of the regiment marched to Mynpoorie, and on its arrival at Allyghur, no report was made to me of the losses now stated by the men before the Court of Inquiry. Again, when the regiment returned to Agra in July 1858, as cloth was not procurable to make up the khakee tunics, an order was issued to continue wearing the khakee jackets, and to save the recruits extra expense as much as possible, the old hands were allowed to dispose of to them their white jackets and pantaloons to get dyed, and in my company I know this is the way my recruits supplied themselves.

4. In conclusion, I beg to state, that I have no doubt the men did lose some things in the Fort of Agra on marching about the surrounding districts, but certainly not to the extent they now claim, or under circumstances to allow of their claims for compensation being sent in as the rules regarding compensation for losses are most clear and strict.

From Lieutenant *E. B. Wimberley*, 3d European Regiment, to the Adjutant, 3d European Regiment, Gwalior, dated Morar, Gwalior, the 4th June 1859.

In reply to your letter, No. 400, of yesterday's date, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Commanding Officer that, from the 13th to 19th July 1857, Lieutenant J. R. Macpherson and myself were on duty at the Delhi Gate Guard in the Fort of Agra.

The key of the regimental store-room was in our charge, and we received a verbal order never to allow this godown to be opened, except when one of us was present: and alternately with Lieutenant Macpherson, I attended there daily, and saw boxes taken out by the officers, and numbers of the men came there to take out various articles of clothing for themselves, and their comrades in hospital.

There were so many canvas bags lying in the store-room that, during either that week or the following one, fatigue parties under a serjeant from each company were sent to the godown by Colonel Riddell's order to pick out the packs of each company, and file them in separate heaps, to enable the men to find their own property more readily.

From Lieutenant *H. G. Saunders*, 3d European Regiment, to Lieutenant *Wimberley*, Adjutant, 3d European Regiment, Morar, dated Gwalior, the 8th June 1859.

With reference to your circular letter, No. 400, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Commanding Officer, that during the time I was subaltern of No. 7 Company in the Fort of Agra, and also during the time I had temporary charge of the company, owing to Captain Forsyth's indisposition, I cannot bring to mind a single instance in which the men reported their loss of kit in the regimental godown.

From personal observation I perceived there was a good deal of confusion in the godown. Hundreds of packs were lying scattered over the ground, the men tossing them about in all directions when unable to find their own pack, and I have not unfrequently seen the packs lying about open, and the contents scattered on the ground.

From Lieutenant *A. H. Thomson*, in charge Light Company, 3d European Regiment, to Lieutenant *E. Wimberley*, Adjutant, 3d European Regiment, dated Morar, the 8th June 1859.

I have the honour to report for the information of Colonel Riddell, commanding the regiment, that owing to the Light Company not being under my charge in July 1857, I am unable to state positively whether the claims for compensation sent in by the men are correct or otherwise.

I believe that a portion of the company's kits were burnt on the 5th of July, owing to their being left behind in the Light Company barracks, all the boxes containing the men's kits were piled up at one end of the barrack, the other end of which was used for the officers' mess.

I can certify to a great portion of the regiment's kits being sent into the Fort in Kranchees, and carefully piled up in my presence in one corner of the godown. No complaint or claim for compensation has ever been brought to my notice.

Enclosure 3, in No. 22.

PROCEEDINGS of a Court of Inquiry held at Morar, Gwalior, on Wednesday, the 18th day of May, by order of Brigadier General Sir *Robert Napier*, K. C. B., Commanding the Gwalior Division.

Morar, Gwalior, 18 May 1859.

President:—Colonel Sir *Charles Stuart*, K. C. B., 1st Bombay European Regiment.

Members:—Colonel *William Riddell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel *R. D. Campbell*, Her Majesty's 71st Highland Light Infantry.

Major E. G. Daniell, 8th, the King's Regiment, Deputy Judge Advocate General attends the court.

The court assembled agreeably to orders at 5 o'clock a. m., at the mess house of the 3d Bengal European Regiment.

The President and Members are all present.

The order directing the assembly of the court is read.

The court proceeds to inquire into, and to record any complaints or grievances that may be brought before it by men of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, and men of the Bengal Artillery, of Her Majesty's Indian Forces.

1st. Regimental No. 36, Private *Michael Kildea*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years three months' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for 10, or 12 years if required, in the East India Company's service. The East India Company being abolished, I think I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance, and am willing to re-enlist in Her Majesty's British forces on being re-attested, and receiving a fresh bounty and counting past service.

[The complainant withdraws.

2d. Regimental No. 35, Private *John Kelly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and three months' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted exclusively for the Honourable East India Company's service for a period of 10, or 12 years if required, and think I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

3d. Regimental No. 34, Private *Thomas James*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and two months' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required. The East India Company being abolished, I think I am entitled to a free discharge. I am willing to re-enlist on being re-attested, and receiving a fresh bounty and counting past service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

4th. Regimental No. 42, Private *William Neenan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and one month's service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required. The East India Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I am willing to re-enlist on being re-attested and receiving a fresh bounty. I have no other grievance. I am not sure if I am entitled to past service.

[The complainant withdraws.

5th. Regimental No. 30, Private *Daniel Hagerty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 71 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required, which has ceased to exist, and I am entitled to a free discharge. I am willing to re-enlist on being re-attested and receiving a fresh bounty. I have no other grievance. I would wish for my past service.

[The complainant withdraws.

6th. Regimental No. 1,029, Private *Thomas Touhy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years and 322 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required, which has ceased to exist, and I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 45, Private *Andrew Connolly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 39 days' service, appears in court and states:— 7th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required. The East India Company's service has ceased to exist. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I am willing to re-enlist on being re-attested and receiving a fresh bounty, but will not re-enlist, unless I count my past service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,142, Private *Louis Rottenberg*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 356 days' service, appears in court and states:— 8th.

I am a foreigner, and enlisted in the regiment during the mutiny, in the year 1857. The Honourable East India Company having ceased to exist, I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 460, Private *George Maher*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 64 days' service, appears in court and states:— 9th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required. The East India Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance; I have not yet made up my mind for the present about re-enlisting.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 844, Lance Corporal *John Kirwan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 45 days' service, appears in court and states:— 10th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required. The East India Company's service being done away with, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have not yet made up mind about re-enlisting. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,014, Private *James Johnston*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years and 31 days' service, appears in court and states:— 11th.

I consider that I am entitled to my free discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has now ceased to exist. Being here I take the opportunity of mentioning that I claim compensation for kit lost in the fortress of Agra during the mutiny. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 872, Private *John Wagstaff*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 50 days' service, appears in court and states:— 12th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable Company's service, if required. The East India Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I am willing to re-enlist on being re-attested for fresh bounty. If I re-enlist I consider I am entitled to count my former service. I have no other grievance.—

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 65, Private *Michael McNally*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 65 days' service, appears in court and states:— 13th.

I enlisted for the Company's service; I believe it is done away with, and I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I might have enlisted in the Queen's service, but I preferred the Honourable Company's. I have not yet made up my mind whether I shall re-enlist.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 129, Private *Jeremiah Murphy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 13 days' service, appears in court and states:— 14th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have no objection to re-enlist on receiving a fresh bounty, and counting my past services.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 232, Private *William Walsh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 323 days' service, appears in court and states:— 15th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable East India Company's service, if required, which has now ceased to exist, and I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I cannot speak at present as to re-enlistment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

16th. Regimental No. 840, Private *Michael Kearns*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 23 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company, in whose service I enlisted, has ceased to exist. Being here, I take the opportunity of claiming compensation for the loss of my kit, to the amount of 12 rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

17th. Regimental No 813, Lance Corporal *John Cunning*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 112 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company, in whose service I enlisted, has ceased to exist. I cannot at present say whether I will re-enlist or not. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

18th. Regimental No. 614, Private *William Armstrong*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 155 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the service of the Honourable East India Company, which has now ceased to exist, and I consider I am entitled to a free discharge, and should I re-enlist I expect a fresh bounty, and my past service to count. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

19th. Regimental No. 574, Serjeant *Edward Williams*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 252 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which has now ceased to exist, and I fancy I have a right to my discharge. I have no other grievance. I have always wished for my discharge and will not re-enlist.

[The complainant withdraws.

20th. Regimental No. 447, Private *John C. Brown*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 324 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service, which has now ceased to exist, and object to being transferred without bounty or re-enlistment.

[The complainant withdraws.

21st. Regimental No. 1,295, Private *Thomas Yardley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years and 60 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service for ten years, not exceeding twelve. The service is abolished and I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

22d. Regimental No. 179, Private *William Boucher*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 346 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which has now been done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance. My present intention is not to re-enlist.

[The complainant withdraws.

23d. Regimental No. 339, Private *Peter Connolly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 303 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. The said Company being done away with, I consider I have a right to my discharge. Being here before the court, I take the opportunity of mentioning that I claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees for compensation on account of kit lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no further grievance.

The complainant withdraws.

The Court adjourned at 9.30 a. m.

SECOND DAY.—*Thursday*, 19 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 18th day of May 1859.

Regimental No. 996, Private *James Worray*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years and 19 days' service, appears in court and states :— 24th.

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service for ten years, not exceeding twelve years. The service is abolished, and I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

I take the opportunity of also mentioning that I claim the sum of seventeen (17) rupees, for compensation for the loss of my kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no objection to re-enlist, but wish to enlist for the cavalry, and for bounty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 197, Private *Hugh McCann*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, eight years and 278 days' service, appears in court and states : — 25th.

The Honourable Company's service is now over. I enlisted in the Company's service exclusively, as will appear in my small book. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I take this opportunity of mentioning that I claim the sum of twenty-seven (27) rupees as compensation for the loss of my kit in the fortress of Agra ; also, that on changing silver, I sometimes lose six pice, and at other times two annas. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 48, Drummer *Timothy Duggan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 345 days' service, appears in court and states :— 26th.

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service for ten years, not exceeding twelve if required. I hear that the Company has been done away with, and I therefore claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,137, Private *Timothy Ryan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years and 14 days' service, appears in court and states ;— 27th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which I hear has been done away with. I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 40, Private *John McFree*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 53 days' service, appears in court and states :— 28th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for ten, or twelve years if required. The Company's service has been abolished. I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,124, Private *James McDermitt*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states :— 29th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for ten, or twelve years if required. The Company's service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I take this opportunity of mentioning that I claim the sum of twenty (20) rupees as compensation for the loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 124, Lance Corporal *George Hammond*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 32 days' service, appears in court and states :— 30th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for ten, or twelve years if required. The Company's service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees, as compensation for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9, Private *John Trueman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 11 years and 28 days' service, appears in court and states :— 31st.

I claim two months and ten days' pay, the difference of pay between private and serjeant, on account of the proceedings of a court martial having been subsequently quashed. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

32d. Regimental No. 1,318, Private *Joseph McHugh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 211 days' service, appears in court and states —

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service. The Company being done away with, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

33d. Regimental No. 960, Private *James Somers*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years and 351 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service for ten, or twelve years if required. The East India Company's service being done away with, as I understood by a proclamation that was read on parade, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I claim the sum of about 20 rupees, on account of part of my kit that was lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

34th. Regimental No. 1,308, Private *Henry Hurst*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 287 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which I understand is totally abolished, and I therefore consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

35th. Regimental No. 620, Private *James Holt*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 154 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service, which I heard by proclamation was done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

36th. Regimental No. 1,165, Private *Patrick Hickey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years and 104 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which I hear has been abolished. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

37th. Regimental No. 1,252, Private *James Beechem*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 133 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company being abolished, I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

38th. Regimental No. 1,179, Private *James Byrne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, one with the regiment, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the Honourable Company's service is done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

39th. Regimental No. 1,261, Private *John Condon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 315 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

40th. Regimental No. 91, Private *Michael Downs*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 79 days' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

41st. Regimental No. 1,070, Private *John Farrill*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, nearly three years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable Company's service. The service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I wish to re-enlist again, with bounty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 619, Lance Corporal *Henry Hayward*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 147 days' service, appears in court and states:— 42d.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of about thirty (30) rupees, as compensation for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 62, Serjeant *James Erwin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and five days' service, appears in court and states:— 43d.

I enlisted for the service of the Honourable Company. The service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 495, Corporal *Benjamin Evans*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, nine years and 262 days' service, appears in court and states:— 44th.

I have no complaint to make, provided I receive my discharge at the expiration of my 10 years' service. If I am compelled to serve the other two years, I object on the same grounds as the other men. I claim the sum of about twenty-five (25) rupees as compensation for kit lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 27, Corporal *Thomas Green*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and 73 days' service, appears in court and states:— 45th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of about thirty (30) rupees, as compensation for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no further grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 21, Corporal *Thomas Brady*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 342 days' service, appears in court and states:— 46th.

I consider that I am entitled to a free discharge, as the Honourable Company's service is done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 111, Drummer *Thomas Ryan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 347 days' service, appears in court and states:— 47th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim compensation thirty (30) rupees for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,089, Private *Francis Hughes*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years and 80 days' service, appears in court and states:— 48th.

I enlisted for 10, or 12 years if required, in the Honourable Company's service. The service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees, as compensation for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,128, Private *Peter Martin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years and 50 days' service, appears in court and states:— 49th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which has been abolished, therefore I claim my discharge. I claim the sum of twenty-five (25) rupees, as compensation for loss of kit in the fortress of Agra.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,282, Private *John Meara*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year and 259 days' service, appears in court and states:— 50th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which has ceased to exist. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 625, Serjeant *Timothy O'Sullivan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years and 165 day's service, appears in court and states:— 51st.

I have no grievance, and am perfectly satisfied with the transfer to the Queen's service, but I wish to mention that I lost kit, to the amount of forty-three (43) rupees, in the fortress

of Agra. I have never come forward to the officer of my company, because I did not consider I had a right to it, as the loss was not occasioned by the enemy, and I wish my case now brought forward, as I considered it caused by the mutiny.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the inquiry of the Grenadier Company of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, excepting those on detachment, in hospital, or absent from other causes.

The Court adjourned at 9.30 a. m.

THIRD DAY.—*Friday*, 20 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 19th day of May 1859.

52d. Regimental No. 512, Private *John Crawford*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and three months' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I therefore consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

53d. Regimental No. 266, Private *John Burns*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and two months' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted exclusively for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has ceased to exist. I therefore consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

54th. Regimental No. 585, Private *John Money*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years and two months' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as I only enlisted in the Company's service, I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

55th. Regimental No. 578, Drummer *George Bradford*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, for which I enlisted for ten, or twelve years if required, I consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

56th. Regimental No. 102, Private *Thomas Measom*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, for which I enlisted for ten, or twelve years if required, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

57th. Regimental No. 613, Private *Patrick Redmond*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for ten, or twelve years. The Company being done away with, I do not consider my oath binding, and therefore request my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

58th. Regimental No 113, Lance Corporal *Florence Buckley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, for which I enlisted, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 412, Private *John Connolly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 59th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which has been done away with. I therefore wish for my discharge, and consider I am entitled to it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 121, Private *John Halnan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 60th.

I understand the Honourable Company's service is done away with. I never enlisted to serve in Her Majesty's service, and consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 241, Lance Corporal *Patrick Crowley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 61st.

I have no complaint to make, but I think I am entitled to my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away with. I did not feel myself competent to judge on the case, and obeyed all orders.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 525, Private *Henry McNeil*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 62d.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being done away with, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 604, Private *Donald McGregor*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 63d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which is now extinct, and therefore consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost the best part of my kit during the mutiny, and claim to the amount of 18 or 20 rupees as compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 173, Corporal *Thomas Shea*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 64th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which is now done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 115, Private *Matthew Casey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 65th.

The East India Company's service for which I enlisted, being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 171, Private *Daniel McIntyre*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 66th.

The Honourable East India Company's service in which I enlisted being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 640, Private *Thomas McLean*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 67th.

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, in which I enlisted, has ceased to exist. I claim the sum of twenty-eight (28) rupees as compensation for kit lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 596, Private *Edward Baldwin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five and a-half years' service, appears in court and states:— 68th.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, in which I enlisted, has ceased to exist. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

69th. Regimental No. 762, Private *William Blair*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five a half years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, in which I was enlisted, has ceased to exist. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

70th. Regimental No. 773, Private *James Gill*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five and a half year's service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which has now been done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of eighteen (18) rupees, as compensation for kit lost, which I left in the lines in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

71st. Regimental No. 778, Private *John Norton*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five and a half years' service, appears in court and states:—

Being turned over to a Government which I never enlisted for, and as the Honourable East India Company's service has been done away with, according to the orders which I heard read on parade, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of nineteen (19) rupees, as compensation for kit lost, which I left in the lines in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

72d. Regimental No. 777, Private *James Sanaghan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five and a half years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has now been done away with. I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I claim compensation for kit lost in the Fort at Agra, which I left there, to the value of twelve (12) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

73d. Regimental No. 848, Private *William McAllister*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five and a half years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the sum of twenty-five (25) rupees, on account of kit lost in July at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

74th. Regimental No. 882, Private *William Aurthur*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim about fifteen (15) rupees as compensation for kit lost in the lines at Agra, left there in May 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

75th. Regimental No. 958, Corporal *James Shearer*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

76th. Regimental No. 940, Private *Charles Glendinning*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which, being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have a claim for twenty-three (23) rupees and four (4) annas, on account of kit lost at Cawnpore. My claim has been received in the orderly room, but not yet paid. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

77th. Regimental No. 989, Lance Corporal *James Ryan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four and a half years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,019, Private *William McLelland*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four and a half years' service, appears in court and states:— 78th.

I claim my discharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have lost a great part of my kit during the mutiny at Agra, for which I claim fifteen (15) rupees as compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 998, Private *Thomas Aitken*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:— 79th.

I have no complaint, but consider as the Honourable Company's service is abolished, for which I enlisted, that I am entitled to my discharge. I have lost a great part of my kit (part kit and part money) to the value of fourteen (14) rupees, for which I claim compensation; this was during the mutiny at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,135, Private *Francis Juelch*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states:— 80th.

I object to being transferred. I was sworn in to serve the Honourable East India Company's service, which is now abolished, and I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I claim the sum of eight (8) rupees as compensation for kit lost in July at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,144, Private *William Bryans*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 81st.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

The Court adjourned at 9 o'clock, a. m.

FOURTH DAY.—*Saturday*, 21 *May*, 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 20th day of May 1859.

Regimental No. 1,170, Private *John McDonaugh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 82d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I wish to get my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,191, Private *James Jordan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 83d.

The East India Company, for which I enlisted, being done away with, I wish for the option of volunteering or my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,169, Private *John Linehan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 84th.

The service I enlisted in, and was sworn in for, being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,224, Private *James Hortigan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 85th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. The service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

86th. Regimental No. 1,232, Private *George Lockley,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

87th. Regimental No. 1,206, Private *Michael Stack,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

88th. Regimental No. 1,268, Private *Peter Gaffney,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

89th. Regimental No. 1,176, Private *William Saull,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for a period of 10, or 12 years if required. The service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

90th. Regimental No. 1,177, Private *Thomas Wignall,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being abolished, as I heard read out on the grand parade of Agra, I wish for my discharge, or to be re-attested for Her Majesty's service.

[The complainant withdraws.

91st. Regimental No. 1,247, Private *Bartholomew Twohig,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my dicharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, is demolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

92d. Regimental No. 1,200, Private *Francis O'Brien,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

93d. Regimental No. 1,240, Private *Richard Mansfield,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

94th. Regimental No. 1,157, Private *Thomas Carr,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

95th. Regimental No. 1,278, Private *William Murphy,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge on account of the service I enlisted for being broke up. I have no other complaint. I don't feel that I am justified in serving Government, for which I was never enlisted.

[The complainant withdraws.

96th. Regimental No. 1,287, Private *John Robson,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I would like my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,292, Private *John Vaughan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 97th.

The Honourable East India Company's service being broken up, I claim my discharge. I wish to mention that I have never received any bedding, since I entered the service, except one quilt. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 557, Lance Serjeant *James Smith*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 98th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company's service being abolished, I wish for my discharge. I claim compensation for kit that was lost in the stores in the Fort of Agra, valued at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 608, Corporal *Richard Ryan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 99th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The said service being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 458, Drummer *Patrick Lowe*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 100th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which has ceased to exist. I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the inquiry of the Light Company of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, excepting those on detachment, in hospital, or absent from other causes.

Regimental No. 154, Sergeant *William Dunlop*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 101st.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company's service being abolished, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 332, Private *Thomas Jenkins*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 102d.

I have no objection to the transfer to Her Majesty's service, but think I have a right to compensation for kit lost in the stores in the Fort at Agra, when on duty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 163, Corporal *James Noble*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 103d.

I lost my kit valued at about twenty-eight (28) rupees, in the lines of Agra, when I was absent on duty in the field. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 603, Corporal *Thomas McLoughlin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 104th.

I enlisted for the Company's service, which having been abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 797, Private *John Crosty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 105th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost part of my kit and bedding on the line of march from Agra to Gwalior. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 365, Private *John Mullighan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 106th.

The Honourable Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

107th. Regimental No. 769, Private *Henry Nichols*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

108th. Regimental No. 886, Private *James Cochrane*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I merely claim my discharge on the following grounds: that, from a wound in my left hand received in action, I consider myself unfit for my duty, as I am being constantly checked on parade.

Also for loss of kit, while I was out on service at Allyghur; I claim compensation for about seventeen (17) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

109th. Regimental No. 755, Private *John Nesbitt*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I think my agreement with the Honourable Company has been fulfilled, and I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

110th. Regimental No. 1,007, Lance Corporal *Joseph Ellis*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, the Honourable Company's service being abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

111th. Regimental No. 1,009, Private *Henry Gillespie*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Company's service for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

112th. Regimental No. 1,058, Private *Robert Walsh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

113th. Regimental No. 801, Private *Thomas Barry*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

114th. Regimental No. 1,168, Private *Michael Laughlin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable Company's service is done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

115th. Regimental No. 1,319, Private *Patrick Magennis*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable Company's service being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

116th. Regimental No. 1,064, Drummer *John Burke*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, seven months' service, appears in court and states:

The Honourable East India Company being abolished, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the detail of No. 8 Company, attached to Light Company.

The court adjourned at 9.30 a.m.

FIFTH DAY.—*Monday*, 23 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 21st day of May 1859.

Regimental No. 1,608/258, Private *James Mugget*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 10½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 117th.

I merely have to state that I lost my kit, and claim the value of a full kit; the kit was lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 258, Drummer *Nicholas Walsh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 118th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I never swore to serve Her Majesty. I claim eleven days' dry batta due me in January and February 1858. I also claim a sheet and a setringe for 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 25, Private *John Dwyer*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 119th.

The East India Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the amount of thirty (30) rupees, for a full kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 522, Private *John McElhair*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 120th.

I claim a free discharge according to the oath I took when enlisted for the Honourable Company's service. I claim the sum of forty-one (41) rupees, for compensation on account of kit lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 181, Private *John Carrill*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 121st.

The Honourable East India Company's service being extinguished, I claim my discharge. I also claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees, as compensation for a full kit lost in the fortress of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 93, Private *Jeremiah Desmond*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 122d.

I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service being dissolved; my objection is, the mode of transfer. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 450, Private *Joseph East*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 123d.

I wish to claim my discharge on the grounds I enlisted upon. I claim compensation for two kits, one lost in the Fort of Agra, and the other by bullock train from Allyghur. I value the two kits lost at about forty (40) rupees. I have no other complaint.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 96, Private *James Fitzgerald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 124th.

I enlisted in the service of the Honourable East India Company for 10, or 12 years if required. The Company's service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

125th. Regimental No. 158, Private *Thomas Holmes*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I consider that the oath I took absolves me from further service, as the Honourable Company's service is abolished, and therefore claim my discharge. I claim compensation to the amount of thirty-five (35) rupees, for kit lost in the Fort of Agra when I was sent to Allyghur. I meant nothing further by not turning out to bring the matter to a proper understanding. I believe that is the general feeling, as we consider ourselves no soldiers, also as a free, but English, subject. I consider I should have had the option to serve Her Majesty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

126th. Regimental No. 100, Private *John Lyons*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which no longer exists, I, therefore, consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim compensation for kit to the amount of twenty-five (25) rupees lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

127th. Regimental No. 108, Private *Thomas Sweeny*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which no longer exists. I, therefore, wish for my discharge. I claim compensation for kit to the amount of thirty (30) rupees, lost in the Fort of Agra. I was sent to Allyghur on detachment duty, and on my return eight months afterwards I could not find it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

128th. Regimental No. 592, Private *James Wolf*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for my discharge, the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being dissolved. I claim compensation for the loss of kit in the Fort of Agra, to the value of forty (40) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

129th. Regimental No. 114, Private *Patrick Connors*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10 or 12 years if required, which, being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I claim compensation to the value of thirty (30) rupees, for kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

130th. Regimental No. 118, Private *James Fluker*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

131st. Regimental No. 160, Private *Patrick McDonald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have no complaint or grievance, excepting that I have a claim for compensation to the amount of twenty-eight (28) rupees, for kit lost in the stores, in the Fort of Agra. I found my canvas bag, but things had been taken out of it to that value.

[The complainant withdraws.

132d. Regimental No. 101, Private *Simon McNamara*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have nothing to say, only that I claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees for kit lost in stores in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

133d. Regimental No. 109, Private *Patrick Sweeny*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been abolished. I claim compensation for the loss of kit on two occasions, in July and October 1857, left in the stores at Agra, which I value at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 291, Private *Joseph Donovan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 134th.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is abolished. I claim compensation for the loss of kit in July at Agra. I value it about thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 170, Private *William McCafferty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 135th.

I claim a free discharge as the Honourable Company is extinct. I claim compensation for the loss of kit on two occasions, and value my loss at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 235, Private *William Bunting*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 136th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10, or 12 years provided they required my services so long. The service being abolished I claim my discharge. I lost my kit through service in the field; it was left in the stores at Agra. I value it at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 240, Private *Patrick Christopher*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 137th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation for kit lost at Agra to the value of thirty (30) rupees. I also lost another portion of kit, valued at seven (7) rupees, when in the field with Brigadier Showers. I have reported the circumstance to the officer commanding my company. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 300, Lance Corporal *James Gee*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 138th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and I do not consider that any other Government has any claims upon me. I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 612, Private *John Walsh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 139th.

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service. The Company being no longer in existence I claim my discharge. I claim compensation to the amount of twenty-four (24) rupees for kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other complaint.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 683, Private *James Goughan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 140th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, the Company being no longer in existence, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation to the value of forty (40) rupees, on account of kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 635, Private *Joseph Hargraves*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 141st.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, which service being abolished, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation to the amount of thirty (30) rupees, on account of kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 688, Private *Henry Lyons*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 142d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10 or 12 years, which has been abolished. I therefore claim my discharge. I claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees account of kit lost in the Fort at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

143d. Regimental No. 676, Private *Patrick Roache*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Company's service, which has been abolished. I claim my discharge. I also claim the sum of thirty (30) rupees on account of kit lost in the Fort at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

144th. Regimental No. 760, *Richard Stokes*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I wish for my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service being done away with. I also claim compensation to the value of twenty (20) rupees lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

145th. Regimental No. 838, Private *Samuel Humphres*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

146th. Regimental No. 898, Private *George Grinham*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :—

I claim my discharge on the grounds I enlisted on, as the Honourable East India Company's service has been abolished. I claim compensation for two kits, one lost in the Fort at Agra, and the other in the Fort at Mynpoorie, which I value at fifty (50) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

147th. Regimental No. 905, Private *Patrick Lynch*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :—

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable East India Company does not exist anywhere. I claim about the sum of thirty-five (35) rupees, for kit lost in July 1857 at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

148th. Regimental No. 1,000, Private *James Blair*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required. The service being abolished I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

149th. Regimental No. 991, Private *James Reeves*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :—

I have no grievance, excepting that I claim compensation to the amount of twenty (20) rupees for kit lost at Agra in July 1857.

[The complainant withdraws.

150th. Regimental No. 1,107, Corporal *George Moore*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I beg respectfully to claim my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company, for whom I was attested, has been abolished. I claim compensation for kit to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees, lost at Agra, while I was at Mynpoorie. I have no further grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

151st. Regimental No. 1,114, Private *John Curn*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years service, appears in court and states :—

My arrangement is out and I claim my free discharge, as the service for which I enlisted is abolished. I claim compensation to the value of fifty (50) rupees, on account of two kits lost at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

152d. Regimental No. 1,185, Private *Thomas Fennally*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years eight months' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which I hear has been abolished. I therefore require my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,193, Private *William Moloney*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 153d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years, which I hear has been abolished. I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

The court adjourned at 9¾ a. m.

SIXTH DAY.—*Wednesday*, 25 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 23d day of May 1859.

Regimental No. 670, Private *Daniel Harvey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states ;— 154th.

I enlisted for a period of 10, or 12 years, in the Honourable East India Company's service. The service being abolished, I wish for a free discharge. I claim compensation to the extent of thirty (30) rupees for the loss of kit at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 51, Private *Joseph Vieson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states ;— 155th.

The Honourable East India Company's service being abolished, I claim my discharge or being re-enlisted. I lost my kit left behind in the Fort of Agra when I went on duty to Allyghur, for which I claim compensation to the amount of thirty-five (35) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 863, Lance Corporal *Garret Ronayne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 156th.

The Honourable East India Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim compensation for two kits to the value of forty (40) rupees both lost at Agra, in July and October 1857; one was lost while I was on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,223, Private *David Hynes*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states :— 157th.

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service is done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,311, Private *James Hogarth*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 158th.

I expect my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service for which I enlisted has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,160, Private *Francis Débell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment. 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 159th.

The Honourable East India Company being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,159, Private *Lawrena Cain*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 160th.

I claim a free discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

161st. Regimental No. 1,227, Private *John Hunt*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states :

I claim my discharge on the grounds that I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have nothing else to say.

[The complainant withdraws.

162d. Regimental No. 1,305, Private *Sheldrake Frost*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. At Mynpoorie I lost my kit: the dhobee took part, and the men (recruits) going to Sherghur Ghat, helped themselves to the remainder. I was in hospital at the time. I value the kit lost at the sum of twelve (12) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

163d. Regimental No. 797, Private *Thomas Fitzgerald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five months' service, appears in court and states :—

I have been a half-pay drummer for five years, and have now been enrolled as a private. I have never been sworn in, and I claim my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes No. 1 Company.

164th. Regimental No. 287, Private *James Barclay*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

165th. Regimental No. 208, Private *James Dougherty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states :—

All I got to say is, that I claim my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is abolished. I lost my kit on the 5th July 1857, at Agra. I claim compensation to the amount of thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

166th. Regimental No. 808, Private *George Chappell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

The Honourable East India Company's service being abolished, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation for kit to the amount of thirty (30) rupees, lost in the fort at Agra, when I was on duty at Allyghur, in the month of August 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

167th. Regimental No. 224, Private *John Power*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I claim my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

168th. Regimental No. 219, Private *Henry M'Kenzie*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I have no complaint. All I want is a free discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with.

[The complainant withdraws.

169th. Regimental No. 687, Private *James Carney*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I claim my free discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

170th. Regimental No. 1,002, Private *John Charleston*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :—

I wish for my discharge, I am tired of the service. I enlisted for the Honourable East Company's service, which has been done away with.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 855, Private *James Minchan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 171st.

I have been through all the service with the regiment, and I have got nothing. I have lost more the compensation received, *Rs.* 8. 6., and I claimed eighteen (18) rupees on account of compensation for a kit I lost. I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company. By the proclamation of November last, I consider I am entitled to my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 662, Private *Cornelius Begley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 172d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which having ceased to exist, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 674, Private *Thomas Pike*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 173d.

I claim my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,140, Private *William Wilson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3 years' service, appears in court and states:— 174th.

I consider that I am at liberty to get a discharge, or to allowed to re-enlist for Her Majesty's service. The Honourable Company's service, for which I was attested, being done away with, I claim compensation to the value of thirty (30) rupees for kit lost in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,212, Private *Daniel Cummings*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 175th.

I enlisted for 10, or 12 years if required, in the Honourable East India Company's service. The service being done away with, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,302, Private *Richard Donoaghue*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 176th.

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being broken up, I have a right to my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,272, Private *Henry Hencher*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 177th.

I have no complaint. I only wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the detail of No. 3 Company, attached to No. 4 Company.

The court adjourned at 7.30 a.m., until 10.30 a.m., for the purpose of examining the Artillery, and will continue the examination of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, after the detachment has been relieved from the Fort at Gwalior.

ARTILLERY.

The Court re-assembled at 10-30 a.m., on the 25th day of May, for the purpose of inquiring into and recording any complaints or grievances of the 2d Company 5th Battalion Bengal Artillery.

The President and Members are all present.

Regimental No. 8,303, Corporal *John Gatheral*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery five years' service, appears in court and states:— 1st.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, in the Infantry, and was transferred to the Artillery service for 12, or 14 years if required. I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, as the service has been abolished. In the year 1856, I was entitled to one pair

of serge pantaloons, for which I have received no compensation; in 1857, I received no clothing at all, or boot-money, for which I am entitled to compensation; in 1858, I was entitled to one pair of serge pantaloons, for which I also claim compensation; in 1857, I claim compensation for one full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

2d. Regimental No. 7,312, Bombardier *William Hickey*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 7 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, whose charter is now broken. I am entitled to four pairs of serge pantaloons, for which I claim compensation, besides all my clothing for 1857, excepting my bedding. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

3d. Regimental No. 9,318, acting Bombardier *Michael Kelly*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. Since I arrived in the country, I have never received serge pantaloons, boots, or dress cap.

[The complainant withdraws.

4th. Regimental No. 8,416, Gunner *Michael Buckley*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 4 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required, whose charter is now broken; therefore, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. Since I landed in the country, in October 1855, I have never received any serge pantaloons; I am entitled to four pairs: I have received no clothing for 1857, excepting bedding; I also claim compensation for a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

5th. Regimental No. 9,142, Gunner *James Bell*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2 ¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service for 12 or 14 years if required. The service being extinct, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have never received any serge pantaloons or boots since I landed in the country in the latter end of 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

6th. Regimental No. 9,272, Gunner *Robert Clayton*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable the East India Company's service, which I hear has been done away with, I therefore want my discharge. I have had no boot money for 1857-58, or serge pantaloons, and I claim one jacket for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

7th. Regimental No. 9,271, Gunner *Seth Creed*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required, which service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have never received any boot money for the years 1857, 1858. I have never received any serge pantaloons; I am entitled to two pairs, and a dress cap, also clothing for 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

8th. Regimental No. 9,148, Gunner *William Curry*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12, or 14 years if required. The said Company being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; I have received neither serge pantaloons or boot money since I landed. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

9th. Regimental No. 10,030, Gunner *James Davis*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 1¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required. The said Company being no longer in existence, I claim my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,281, Gunner *James Dalton*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 10th.

The Honourable East India Company's service, in which I enlisted, being abolished, I claim my discharge: I have received no boot money, serge pantaloons, or dress cap since I landed. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,093, Gunner *William Bridgeman*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 11th.

I demand my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service is done away with. I have received no boot money or serge pantaloons, since I landed. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,031, Gunner *Robert Dobson*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 12th.

As I enlisted for the late Honourable East India Company's service, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,288, Gunner *Abraham Evans*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 13th.

The Honourable East India Company being broken up, and I have been handed over to another Government, therefore I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,169, Gunner *Henry Graham*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 14th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I do not consider I am obliged to serve in Her Majesty's service, without being re-enlisted and re-attested. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,500, Gunner *Walter Graham*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 15th.

On the grounds of my enlistment with the Honourable East India Company's service, I claim my discharge. I claim two pairs of serge pantaloons for 1858, and one pair for 1859, one cloth jacket for 1858, boot money for 1858, and one dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,295, Gunner *Walter Gordon*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 16th.

I consider my service was at an end when the Company was done away with, and claim my discharge. I claim boot money for 1858, and two pairs of serge pantaloons for 1858, and a dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 8,225, Gunner *John Edwards*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, five years' service, appears in court, and states: 17th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which I believe is now broken up, and I therefore claim my discharge. I claim two pairs of serge pantaloons, and a dress cap for 1858.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,025, Gunner *John Boardman*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery, 1½ years service, appears in court and states:— 18th.

I claim my discharge, as I understand the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is done away with, and the Government of England have got it in hand. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,292, Gunner *Robert Faulkner*, 2—5th Bengal Artillery 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 19th.

I expect to get my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service is broken up, and accounts closed. I claim two pair of serge pantaloons, boot money, and a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

20th. Regimental No. 10,045 Gunner *John Kerr*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 12, or 14 years if required. The service being done away with, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

21st. Regimental No. 9,318, Gunner *Roger Keilly*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being now done away with, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I am entitled to two pairs of serge pantaloons, boot money, and one dress cap for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

22d. Regimental No. 6,855, Gunner *Samuel Dobbin*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, nine years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge as I have never been re-attested for Her Majesty's service. I have been serving for the last two years, and seen as much work as any of the other troops or companies, all of which have got compensation excepting our troop. I lost a kit at Agra, on the 5th July 1857, which I left in the barracks when ordered out to the field. I value the loss of the kit at twenty-six (26) rupees, and only received 11 rupees 8 annas, the value of a field kit. I have had no clothing for 1857, and I am owed two serge pantaloons and a dress cap.

[The complainant withdraws.

The Court adjourned at 1.30 p.m., 25 May 1859.

SEVENTH DAY.—*Friday*, 27 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 25th day of May 1859.

23d. Regimental No. 9,336, Acting Bombardier *Robert Mitchell*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, and not exceeding 14 years. The service being done away with, I wish for my discharge; and I think I ought to be allowed the option of volunteering or taking my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

24th. Regimental No. 8,467, Gunner *John Lindsay*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required. The said service being broken up, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation for 1856 and 1858, for three pair of serge pantaloons, and I received no clothing for 1857, or compensation; I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

25th. Regimental No. 9,194, Gunner *William Miller*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have no objection to serve Her Majesty, but consider I ought to have the option of volunteering, in which case I should expect my past service to count. I feel aggrieved at being handed over without my own consent. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

26th. Regimental No. 7,639, Gunner *John Hodden*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, seven years' service appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, if I am entitled to it. I consider I ought to have the option of volunteering; and that if I am allowed, that I am to count my past service. I have got no serge pantaloons since 1855, with the exception of compensation for one pair in 1856, a dress cap is also due to me. I have received no clothing for 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,329, Acting Bombardier *Peter Mooney*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 27th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I wish for my discharge; I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,062, Gunner *James McMullan*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 28th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which I believe is done up, and I wish for my discharge; I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,050, Gunner *William Marsden*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ year's service, appears in court and states:— 29th.

I claim my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done up, and I do not wish to soldier any more. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,047, Gunner *Cornelius Leary*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ year's service, appears in court and states:— 30th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I consider I am entitled to my discharge, and I wish for it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,322, Gunner *Richard Lynch*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service appears in court and states:— 31st.

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being now null and void, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, and that I ought to have had the option of re-enlisting. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 6,788, Gunner *Henry Frederick Oakley*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 9¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 32d.

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, in which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I have received no clothing for 1857, 1858, or 1859, with the exception of one jacket. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 6,115, Gunner *William Russell*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 11½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 33d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I claim my discharge. I claim serge pantaloons for 1856; one pair for 1857; one pair for 1858; one pair 1859; one pair boots; money for 1857; and a dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,191, Gunner *James McArdle*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 34th.

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been dissolved. I claim compensation for clothing. I am entitled to two pairs of serge pantaloons, one undress jacket, and a dress cap; and I am due boot money for three pairs of boots. I got no boot money for 1857, 1858, and 1859. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 6,874, Gunner *Robert Kilpatrick*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 9 years' service, appears in court and states:— 35th.

On the grounds of the transfer, if I am entitled to my discharge, I wish to have it. During the mutiny I lost two kits, one a full kit, in the stores at Agra, and the other only in part at Puttiallee. I claim forty-five (45) rupees as compensation for my loss. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

36th. Regimental No. 9,212, Gunner *John Pate*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim three years' boot money, and two pair serge pantaloons, one sheet, one dress cap. I was discharged from hospital, having recovered from small pox, ten days ago, my bedding was ordered by a committee to be burnt; I have no bedding re-issued. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

37th. Regimental No. 9,443, Gunner *Francis Nowlan*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted being dissolved, I claim my discharge; I have had neither boots or boot money since 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

38th. Regimental No. 9,297, Gunner *Erwin Hughes*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, or re-enlistment with bounty. I claim either boots or boot money for 1858 and 1859, as well as one pair of serge pantaloons for each of those years. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

39th. Regimental No. 3,145, Gunner *Michael Perry*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, nine years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I lost my full kit at Agra, in July 1857, when the barracks were burnt. I claim compensation to the amount of thirty-five (35) rupees. I also lost my medal for Rangoon at the same time. I claim compensation for three pairs of serge pantaloons and two dress caps. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

40th. Regimental No. 7,458, Gunner *Timothy McMarthy*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, seven years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I wish for my discharge. I am due for the years 1856, one pair serge pantaloons; for 1857, a full year's clothing, and boot money; for 1858, a pair of serge pantaloons; and 1859 a pair of serge pantaloons. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

41st. Regimental No. 7,452, Gunner *Thomas Morrissey*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 7½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge. The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away. I do not wish to soldier any longer. I claim for 1855-56-57-58, and 1859, serge pantaloons, and a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

42d. Regimental No. 8,801, Gunner *Charles Daly*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to the option of volunteering, or my free discharge. I am due for 1856 one pair of serge pantaloons, for 1857 one pair of serge pantaloons, and new clothing for 1857; a dress cap and boot money for 1857; serge pantaloons for 1859. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

43d. Regimental No. 8,604, Gunner *David Williams*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to re-enlistment, with bounty, or volunteering, or my discharge; I claim boot money for 1857 to 1859; and three pairs of serge pantaloons, and new clothing for 1857, and a dress cap; also compensation for a pair of bounty pantaloons for 1856. I lost my full kit in July 1857, at Agra, for which I claim twenty-six (26) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,084, Gunner *John Selkirk*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 44th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 12, or 14 years if required, which being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, or the option of volunteering. I claim two pairs of serge pantaloons, and bounty clothing for 1857, and boot money for 1857; also a blue undress jacket for 1858; and boot money for 1858; serge pantaloons for 1858, and a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,456, Gunner *George Smith*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 45th.

I have been informed that the Honourable East India Company's service has been done away with; I, therefore, consider I am either entitled to discharge, bounty, or volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,547, Gunner *John Scott*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 46th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required, the service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I am entitled to three years' boot money for 1857, 1858, and 1859; also to four pairs of serge pantaloons, and a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,060, Gunner *James Stanfield*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ years service, appears in court and states:— 47th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 12, or 14 years if required, the service being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,179, Gunner *Edward Jones*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 48th.

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, bounty, or volunteering. I claim boot money for 1857 and 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,358, Gunner *Jeremiah Sullivan*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 49th.

All I have to say is, that I claim boot money for 1857, and boot money for 1858; one undress jacket, full dress cap, and two pairs of serge pantaloons for 1858.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 5,412, Gunner *Michael Brady*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 12 years' service, appears in court and states:— 50th.

I have no complaint regarding the transfer to Her Majesty's service, but have to complain that I am due four pairs of serge pantaloons for 1856, 1857, 1858, and 1859; two full dress caps, and compensation for kit, lost in July 1857, in the barracks at Agra. I value the kit I lost at *Rs.* 18. 12. I hear that *Rs.* 11. 8 has been passed. I claim the difference.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 4,205, Serjeant *Edmund Roe*, 2—5, Bengal Artillery, 14½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 51st.

All I wish to state is, that my time expired on the 7th March 1859. I applied three months previous for my discharge, according to the regulation; up to the present moment I have heard nothing about it.

I was canteen serjeant about the 3d July 1857; and I had advanced to settle the bills with the commissariat, the sum of eighty-five (85) rupees. This was my own private money I advanced, and by request of Captain Doyle, as he said he wished the bills settled, not liking the then unsettled state of Agra. I have as yet not been repaid. I also claim two pairs of serge pantaloons and one dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

52d. Regimental No. 9,110, Bombardier and Acting Corporal *Alexander McKoy*, 2—5, Bengal Artillery, 2 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which now being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim boot money for 1858 and 1859. I never have received any serge pantaloons since I arrived in the country in October 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

53d. Regimental No. 3,322. Gunner *John Crichton*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 17¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

All I have to say is, that I claim clothing for the year 1857, two pairs of serge pantaloons for 1858, and the dress cap for 1858. I claim compensation to the value of 16 rupees for kit lost in the barracks on the 5th July 1857, during the mutiny. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

The Court adjourned at one o'clock, p.m. the 27th day of May 1859.

EIGHTH DAY.—*Saturday*, 28 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present as on the 27th day of May 1859.

54th. Regimental No. 9,428, Gunner *Martin F. Hopkins*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for a period of 12, or 14 years if required. The service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim boot money for 1858 and 1859, jacket for 1858, two pairs of serge pantaloons for 1858, and a dress cap.

[The complainant withdraws.

55th. Regimental No. 9,132, Gunner *James Armstrong*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. Boot money for two years, two pairs of serge pantaloons for the first issue 1858, a jacket and full dress cap for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

56th. Regimental No. 9,163, Gunner *Thomas Duggan*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I landed in 1857, and have never received either boots or boot money; I never got any serge trousers; I am also entitled to a jacket and dress cap for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

57th. Regimental No. 9,294, Gunner *James Green*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I am due two pairs of serge pantaloons, one jacket. I have had no boots or boot money since I entered the service, and I also am entitled to a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

58th. Regimental No. 8,453, Gunner *Henry Hatch*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I received no clothing for 1857. I am entitled to two pairs of serge pantaloons, boot money, and a dress cap for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

59th. Regimental No. 7,648, Bombardier *Llewellyn Hopkins*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, seven years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, for which I enlisted, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; I received no clothing for 1857; I am entitled to two pairs serge pantaloons, and a dress cap for 1858. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 10,042, Gunner *John Hollingsworth*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 60th.

I wish for my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted is abolished. I have not yet received the clothing which is due to me. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No 10,046, Gunner *James Kilner*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 1¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 61st.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I was enlisted, being abolished. I have not had a proper settlement of clothing. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,382, Gunner *Thomas McLean*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, three years' service, appears in court and states :— 62d.

If Government consider I am bound by my attestation to serve Her Majesty, I have no objection; but I myself am of opinion that I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No 9,216, Gunner *John Robinson*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 63d.

According to my agreement, I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. My clothing still unadjusted. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,222, Gunner *John Robinson*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, two years' service, appears in court and states :— 64th.

I enlisted to serve in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have received neither boots nor boot money since I entered the service. I am entitled to two pairs of serge trousers, one undress jacket, and a full dress cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 9,373. Gunner *John Watts*, 2—5 Bengal Artillery, 2½ years' service. appears in court and states :— 65th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have never received any boots or boot money; I have only received one tunic and a pair of pantaloons, and I claim all the rest that is due. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

(This closes the 2—5 Bengal Artillery.)

EIGHTH DAY.

The court proceed and re-continue the examination of the 3d Bengal European Regiment.

Regimental No. 159, Private *Neil McPhiel*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 178th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 151, Private *John Coombe*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 179th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, and wish for my discharge if I can get it; I do not claim it. Further, I am willing to re-enlist or volunteer should my services be required. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 153, Corporal *Charles Corcoran*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 180th.

I do not feel satisfied with the transfer, as I enlisted exclusively for the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

181st. Regimental No. 155, Private *James Fitzgerald,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim compensation to the value of thirty (30) rupees for kit lost in the fortress of Agra in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

182d. Regimental No. 327, Drummer *Frederick Couche,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, which service being abolished, I claim my discharge. I claim compensation for kit lost on the 5th July 1857 to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees; I had not made previous complaint regarding this to the officer of my Company. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

183d. Regimental No. 85, Private *John Archer,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company, which being abolished, I wish for my discharge. I claim compensation to the value of eight (8) rupees for kit lost in the stores in the Fort of Agra in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

184th. Regimental No. 183, Private *Edward McCarthy,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

185th. Regimental No. 175, Serjeant *Henry Bennett,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service is dissolved, and I think I have a right to it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

186th. Regimental No. 94, Drummer *Patrick Donovan,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I wish for my discharge, as I was not enlisted for the Queen's, but the Company's service. I claim compensation for the loss of kit, lost in the stores in the Fort of Agra in 1857; I value the kit lost at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

187th. Regimental No. 302, Private *James Homer,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I claim my discharge on the terms that I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company. I claim compensation to the value of eight (8) rupees for kit lost in July 1857 in the stores in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

188th. Regimental No. 149, Private *Edward Allen,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

189th. Regimental No. 23, Private *Peter Barnes,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I never enlisted for the Queen, and I think as the Honourable East India Company's service is abolished, I am entitled to my discharge; I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

190th. Regimental No. 227, Private *William Lloyd,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 234, Private *Thomas Brien*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 191st.

I think I am wronged, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service; I ought to get my discharge, and I wish for it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 249, Private *John Gallaghon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states ;— 192d.

I am not enlisted for the Queen's service, and would wish for my discharge, if entitled to it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 180, Private *Patrick Broderick*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 193d.

The Company's service being abolished, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge; I claim compensation to the value of 30 or 40 rupees for kit lost in July 1857, in the fortress of Agra, while I lay wounded in hospital. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 623, Private *William Little*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states ;— 194th.

I do not wish to be kept in the service, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 641, Private *Donald McQueen*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 195th.

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 774, Corporal *John McPoland*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 196th.

The Honourable East India Company's service being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge, as I enlisted for the Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 652, Private *John Purcell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 197th.

I enlisted for the Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 766, Lance Corporal *Isaac Herbert*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 198th.

I consider, as the Honourable East India Company's service is abolished, that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 649, Lance Corporal *Jeremiah Leary*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 199th.

I hear that the Honourable East India Company's service is abolished; I therefore consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 233, Private *George Butler*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 200th.

I want my discharge; I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which is now done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 671, Private *Michael Herriett*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 201st.

I wish to get my discharge, as I hear the Honourable Company's service for which I enlisted is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

202d. Regimental No. 642, Lance Serjeant *John Mulcahy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which I hear is abolished; I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

203d. Regimental No. 667, Private *John Dwyer*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I consider I am wronged in being compelled to serve in a service for which I never enlisted, and I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

204th. Regimental No. 648, Private *Ezekiel Knowldin*, 3d Bengal Europern Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I consider I am wronged in being compelled to serve in a service for which I never enlisted, and I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

205th. Regimental No. 799, Private *Garret Barry*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, the said Company being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

206th. Regimental No. 829, Private *James Gunning*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service. I never received any bounty, or was attested for Her Majesty's service. I would remain as I am if I got another bounty. I think I was unjustly punished by Captain Stevenson (the officer commanding the detachment), who gave me three days dry-room for losing a large knife for cutting meat, when I was deprived of a good conduct ring, to which I would have been entitled in that month. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

207th. Regimental No. 919, Lance Corporal *John Vance*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I think the Crown has no claim upon my services, as I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with; I therefore consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

208th. Regimental No. 942, Private *William Hanna*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being demolished I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

209th. Regimental No. 945, Private *Henry Hendren*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

210th. Regimental No. 981, Private *James Kelly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, the service being done away with; I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost kit to the value of seventeen (17) rupees, in the stores in the fortress of Agra in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 984, Private *John McNaught*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 211th.

I enlisted for 10 or 12 years in the Honourable Company's service, which has ceased to exist; I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,048, Private *Andrew Robertson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 212th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service; the service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,016, Private *William Kennedy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :— 213th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10, or 12 years if required, which being abolished I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost a suit of clothes in the hospital on the 5th July 1857, on my being brought in wounded, for which I have never received compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,049, Lance Corporal *James Robinson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :— 214th.

I consider I have been wronged in being transferred over to the Queen's service without my consent. I lost a portion of my kit in the stores of Agra in 1857, value eleven (11) rupees.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 994, Private *William Swinnon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states :— 215th.

I have been transferred without my consent to Her Majesty's service. I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service; I therefore consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I have two months' pay due me for October and November 1859, while I was in hospital at Dum Dum. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,087, Private *John Heslop*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 216th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which being done away with I claim my discharge. I lay claim to two kits, one lost in the stores in the Fort of Agra, the other in the stores at Mynpoorie while in detachment, to the value of thirty-two (32) rupees. I also claim bedding for the year 1857, which was drawn for me, but I never received it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,110, Private *William Mansbridge*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 217th.

I wish to leave the service, as I think I can better myself; I therefore wish for my discharge.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,092, Private *William M'Daed*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states :— 218th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,093, Private *Benjamin Perry*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states :— 219th.

I do not claim my discharge, but I would like to get it; I am not fit for a soldier as I am asthmatical. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,123, Lance Corporal *Anthony Mooney*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states :— 220th.

I enlisted for the East India Company, and I claim my discharge. I was short of rations coming out on board ship. I arrived in Calcutta in February 1857, in the "Sir Thomas Gresham;" I have never complained of this before. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

221st. Regimental No. 1,115, Private *Bernard Dogherty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and claim my discharge. I was short of rations coming out on board the ship "Sir Thomas Gresham," for which I have never received any compensation; I lost kit to the amount of *Rs.* 13. 12, in the stores in the Fort at Agra; I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

222d. Regimental No. 1,204, Private *Cornelius Shea*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which, being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

223d. Regimental No. 1,113, Lance Corporal *Thomas Beech*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the said service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

224th. Regimental No. 1,148, Private *Oliver O'Healy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

According to my attestation, I claim my discharge. I have nothing further to say.

[The complainant withdraws.

225th. Regimental No. 1,222, Private *John Hoare*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; previous to this I offered myself for Her Majesty's service as a recruit, but was refused, being too short, and have now been transferred against my will. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

226th. Regimental No. 1,196, Private *Daniel McKinlay*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and did duty until they were abolished, and now think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

227th. Regimental No. 1,171, Private *John McCurley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

228th. Regimental No. 1,158, Private *Edward Barry*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

The Company being broken up, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

229th. Regimental No. 1,218, Private *Simon Flinn*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

230th. Regimental No. 183, Private *William Didcock*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states :—

I want my discharge, as the East India Company's service, in which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,226, Private *John Hughes*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 231st.

When I was at Barrackpore with the Recruit Depôt, after my arrival in India, all the bedding I got was an old stringe and worn-out goodree; I also did not receive a pair of boots and trousers, the same as the other men did. I was in hospital at the time they were served out, and there was none for me when I was discharged. When the regiment left Mynpoorie by forced marches to Agra, there was a scarcity of camels, some hackeries were furnished instead, upon which I placed my bundle; I have never seen it since; I reported the circumstance to the orderly serjeant of my company, who brought me word that Captain Stevenson would look after it, therefore I never spoke to the commanding officer on the subject. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,239, Private *John Maddan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 232d.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,258, Private *William Coleman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 233d.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the service being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,259, Private *William Chitson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 234th.

I enlisted to serve in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to option of re-enlistment or a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,265, Private *James Doyle*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 235th.

I consider that I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being now done away with, I think I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,288, Private *Edward Rust*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 236th.

Since the Company has been broken up, for which I enlisted, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,307, Private *William Green*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 237th.

I am tired of the country; I wish for my discharge, to which I consider myself entitled, as I only enlisted for the East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 645, Private *Thomas Whelan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 238th.

I am in bad health; I wish very much to go home. I have no grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the inquiry of No. 2 Company, excepting those in hospital, on detachment, or absent from other causes.

The Court adjourned at 1.30 p.m., until Monday, the 30th day of May.

NINTH DAY.—*Monday*, 30 *May* 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 28th day of May 1859.

239th. Regimental No. 381, Private *George Neville*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 13 years one month's service, appears in court and states:—

I consider that as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away, that I am entitled to my discharge, or else a chance of being re-attested for Her Majesty's service; I enlisted in London in 1846 to serve in the East India Company's Infantry, for unlimited service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

240th. Regimental No. 347, Private *John Pollan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

241st. Regimental No. 104, Private *John McLean*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for a period of 10, or 12 years if required; the said Company being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

242d. Regimental No. 86, Serjeant *Thomas Baxter*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have been in both services; I have no complaint or grievance, but as I do not like the country I would wish to get home if I can.

[The complainant withdraws.

243d. Regimental No. 455, Private *Michael Kenny*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I object to the manner in which I was transferred to Her Majesty's service, as I have had no option given me of being re-attested; I have had no jacket or trowsers for 1857 while at the depôt at Landour; I am entitled to five days' ration money while coming down to join my regiment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

244th. Regimental No. 485, Private *William Matthews*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service for which I enlisted being abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

245th. Regimental No. 463, Drummer *Boyd Munn*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which demolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; I was one of 40 that escorted two guns to the Fort of Agra on the 5th July 1857, and joined the regiment as it was going out on service, and had no opportunity of looking after my kit, which I have never seen since. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

246th. Regimental No. 518, Private *James Gorman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

247th. Regimental No. 33, Private *John Irwin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, provided the

the Company required my services so long; the service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No 222, Private *John O'Dea*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 248th.

I claim my discharge as a matter of right, on account of the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 340, Private *Michael O'Ferrell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 249th.

I consider I have a right to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is no more. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 589, Private *Philip Savage*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 250th.

I think I am entitled to my discharge under the terms of the enlistment, as I understand there is no Honourable East India Company now. I claim compensation for kit lost in the lines at Agra in July 1857, to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 205, Corporal *William Cooper*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 251st.

I have no complaint or grievance, except to the form of transfer to a service for which I was not attested.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 595, Private *Joseph Allan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states :— 252d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the said service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 87, Private *William Bailey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 253d.

I claim my discharge from the Honourable East India Company, as it is done away with. I claim compensation for a kit lost in the stores in the Fort of Agra in July 1857, which I valued at twenty-eight (28) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 482, Private *John Murphy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 254th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and I want my discharge as the service is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 593, Corporal *David Williams*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 255th.

I have no complaint or grievance, but consider I ought to have had the option of volunteering.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 296, Private *John Fagan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states :— 256th.

I demand my discharge, as I never enlisted to serve Her Majesty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 452, Private *Thomas Garrard*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states :— 257th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10, or 12 years if required; by an order I heard read on parade I understand the Company is extinct, I therefore claim

my discharge. I claim a kit, valued at 30 rupees, lost on the 5th July 1857; I have already received 2 rupees and 2 annas on account of it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

258th. Regimental No. 472, Private *James Hodgen*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required; the service being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

259th. Regimental No. 866, Private *John Smith*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is no more. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

260th. Regimental No. 748, Private *Michael Dooley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I consider I have a right to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with.

[The complainant withdraws.

261st. Regimental No. 697, Private *John McPoland*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

262d. Regimental No. 772, Private *Robert* ——— 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

263d. Regimental No. 738, Private *John Roberts*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is dissolved. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

264th. Regimental No. 626, Private *Richard Ross*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being demolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have nothing else to say.

[The complainant withdraws.

265th. Regimental No. 740, Private *James Wall*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I do not wish to serve any longer, I am tired of the service; I consider I have been unjustly punished by a district court martial, held at Agra, which sentenced me two months' imprisonment. I have no further grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

266th. Regimental No. 776, Private *Robert Walsh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

According to my attestation, I wish for my discharge, as I can do better at home. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

267th. Regimental No. 765, Private *John Brooks*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I did not go to parade, as I thought that was the only means of having my complaint attended to. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 133, Private *John Kearney*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 268th.

I want my discharge; I wish to go home. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 785, Private *Cornelius Sheane*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states :— 269th.

I have nothing to say, except that if I can get my discharge, I will take it. I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, and think I ought to get it, or to be allowed to volunteer. I claim compensation to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees, for kit lost at Agra, in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 830, Private *John Hadon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states : 270th.

I enlisted for the Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 732, Private *Michael Hanley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 271st.

I want to get my discharge; I never enlisted for Her Majesty's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 807, Private *Michael Casey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 272d.

I wish to get my discharge, as I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, in July 1857. I lost the whole of my kit at Agra; I claim 34 rupees, of which I have received 11 rupees, as compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 891, Private *David Howells*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :— 273d.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 261, Corporal *William Scattergood*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :— 274th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required; now that the said East India Company is abolished, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 923, Private *Henry Bell*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :— 275th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; now that the said East India Company is abolished, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 953, Lance Corporal *Henry Mills*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states :— 276th.

According to my attestation for the Company's service, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 987, Lance Corporal *William Morris*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states :— 277th.

I complain that I have been handed over to another service without having the option given me, and therefore think I am entitled to my discharge, the proclamation having been read, that the Company's service has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

278th. Regimental No. 1,008, Corporal *James Flinn*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

279th. Regimental No. 1,053, Private *George Unsworth*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if the said Company required my services so long; the service being done away with, I consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

280th. Regimental No. 1,025, Private *John Matthews*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish to claim my discharge; according to my enlistment, I believe I am entitled to it. I claim a jacket and trousers for the year 1857, while at Landour; the articles never reached me; when I was at Meerut, returning to Landour, I did not receive my dry batta for four days. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

281st. Regimental No. 1,160, Private *Patrick Ward*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service; now that the service is abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

282d. Regimental No. 1,133, Private *Richard Preston*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I consider that I am entitled to my discharge. I claim short ration money during the time I was on board the "Sir Thomas Gresham," coming out to India. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

283d. Regimental No. 1,132, Private *Edward Norton*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Company being abolished, I claim my discharge, according to the proclamation; I also am entitled to compensation for short rations on board the ship "Sir Thomas Gresham," coming out to India. I lost part of my kit at Agra, in 1857, value fifteen (15) rupees, and have only received 9 annas compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

284th. Regimental No. 1,155, Private *James Burke*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

285th. Regimental No. 1,169, Private *Michael Kennedy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years service, appears in court and states:—

The Company being done away with, in whose service I was enlisted, I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

286th. Regimental No. 1,254, Private *James Coyne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge in consequence of the Honourable East India Company having ceased to exist, in whose service I was enlisted. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

287th. Regimental No. 1,253, Private *William Boyle*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I wish for the option of discharge, or being allowed to volunteer. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,274, Private *John Keenan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 288th.

The Honourable East India Company being done away, for which I was enlisted, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,263, Private *John O'Dwyer*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 289th.

According to my attestation, I claim my discharge. I enlisted only for the East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,329, Private *Edward Whelon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 290th.

The East India Company's service being done away with, I do not consider the oath I took on enlistment any longer binding, and I therefore claim my discharge; and I heard it rumoured in the barracks early in the year, that either discharge or volunteering will be open. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,065, Private *Frederick Beetcher*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, one year 2 months' service, appears in court, and states :— 291st.

I have served two years as a half-pay drummer, and one year two months as man's service. I claim my discharge, as I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the inquiry of No. 7 Company, excepting those on detachment, in hospital, or absent from other causes.

The Court adjourned at 12 o'clock, the 30th day of May 1859.

TENTH DAY, *Tuesday*, the 31st day of May 1859.

The President and Members are all present, as on the 30th day of May 1859.

Regimental No. 266, Private *James Goold*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 8½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 292d.

I consider that, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished, I ought to get my discharge. I wish for it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 278, Private *John Mills*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 7½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 293d.

I enlisted for the East India Company for 10 or 12 years, if required, the Company being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 579, Drummer *James Donald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 294th.

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company for 10 or 12 years, if required, provided they required my services so long. I claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 272, Private *Patrick Donovan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states :— 295th.

All I have to say is, that I wish for my discharge, as I am entitled to it, because I enlisted for the Company's service, which I consider is abolished by the Proclamation that I heard read out to us. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 391, Private *Michael Curtain*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states :— 296th.

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10 or 12 years, if required; which service being abolished, I would like my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

297th. Regimental No. 281, Private *Patrick Neil*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

298th. Regimental No. 283, Private *Edward Power*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, and wish for my discharge. I was wounded during the mutiny, and feel that I am incapable of doing my duty at times; this is my reason for wishing for my discharge, if it was not for my health, I would have no objection to serve. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

299th. Regimental No. 286, Lance Corporal *Richard Thornton*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, and no other, being done away with, I claim a full and free discharge. I have no other complaint to make, besides I do not like the country; I do not get good health in it.

[The complainant withdraws.

300th. Regimental No. 275, Private *Patrick Gorman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which, by a proclamation I heard read on parade, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

301st. Regimental No. 288, Private *Patrick Byrne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

302d. Regimental No. 112, Private *Michael Burke*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

303d. Regimental No. 304, Private *Patrick Healey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge, as the Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

304th. Regimental No. 290, Private *Edward Cowhy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

305th. Regimental No. 411, Private *Kyran Corbett*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I consider myself no soldier, as the Honourable East India Company's service has ceased to exist. It was read out to me on parade that I had been transferred to Her Majesty's service, to which I had never been attested, I therefore claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

306th. Regimental No. 417, Private *Michael Jeffries*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I consider

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been dissolved, I have no objection to serve with the 67th in which I have two brothers. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 549, Lance Corporal *James Warden*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 307th.

I consider I have a right to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service for which I was enlisted is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 534, Private *Michael Noonan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years service, appears in court, and states:— 308th.

The Honourable East India Company's service for which I was enlisted being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit in July 1857 at Agra, which I value at rupees (25) twenty-five. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 651, Private *William Francis*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 309th.

The service for which I enlisted being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 679, Private *William Corker*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 310th.

I want my discharge according to my attestation, I was never enlisted for any other service except the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 680, Private *Timothy Crowley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 311th.

I claim my discharge by the terms of my enlistment for the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 692, Private *Patrick M'Garron*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 312th.

I want my discharge if I can get it; but I will re-enlist if my service will count. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 678, Private *James Chapman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 313th.

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service has been done away with, I claim compensation to the value of rupees (14) fourteen for kit lost in the stores of Agra in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 787, Corporal *Richard Hickman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 314th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which having ceased to exist, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 691, Private *Jeremiah McAnally*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 315th.

I wish for my discharge. I want to go home. I think I have a right to it, as the Honourable East India Company's service for which I enlisted has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

316th. Regimental No. 690, Corporal *Thomas Murphy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim a free discharge. I claim compensation to the amount of twenty-four (24) rupees on account of kit lost in July 1857 in the fort at Agra. I only got compensation to the amount of two rupees and 6 pie for a forage cap. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

317th. Regimental No. 1,139, Lance Corporal *Joseph Webb*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been dissolved. I claim about twenty (20) rupees on account of kit lost in the stores in the fort of Agra in July 1857. I claim three months' short rations when coming out in the "Sir Thomas Gresham" to India. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

318th. Regimental No. 115, Private *Daniel Sullivan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service for 10 or 12 years, if required, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

319th. Regimental No. 950, Private *Thomas M'Cue*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as the service I enlisted for has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

320th. Regimental No. 965, Private *Charles Wilks*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

321st. Regimental No. 888, Private *Michael Dowling*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

322d. Regimental No. 911, Private *John Patterson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim a free discharge; the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished, I was transferred without my consent to the Queen's service. I lost my kit in July 1857 at Agra, and claim compensation to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

323d. Regimental No. 946, Private *Joseph Jones*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Company's service, for which I enlisted, being done away with, I claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

324th. Regimental No. 935, Private *Thomas Evans*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

325th. Regimental No. 937, Private *John Fitzpatrick*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

As the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 990, Private *William Kiley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 326th.

I consider, by my engagement with the East India Company's service, that I am entitled to a free discharge. I claim a coatee and trousers for 1857; I was at Landour. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 985, Private *John M'Donald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 327th.

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as the Company's service has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,026, Private *Francis Smith*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4 ¼ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 328th.

I wish for my discharge, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is dissolved; I am a foreigner, and enlisted under a wrong name; I wish to return to my own trade, a baker. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 171, Private *William Todd*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in Court, and states :— 329th.

I want my discharge; I am dissatisfied with the service; my friends are in Calcutta, I wish to join them, and consider that I am entitled to what I ask for. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,243, Private *Richard Pickett*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ¼ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 330th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,287, Private *Patrick Murray*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1 ¾ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 331st.

The service for which I enlisted being done away with, I claim a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,223, Private *Thomas Livsey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states :— 332d.

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished; I have never been settled with for the month of December 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,297, Private *John Byrne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states :— 333d.

The Company being done away with, for which I enlisted, I wish for my discharge, to go home and join my parents. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 72, Private *Richard Marten*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in Court, and states :— 334th.

The Honourable East India Company being done away with, I consider that I am entitled to my discharge, which I wish for. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,318, Private *Richard Langan*, No. 3 Company, attached to No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court, and states :— 335th.

I claim a free discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with; I am willing to volunteer and serve Her Majesty, if allowed to volunteer into the Madras Presidency; I claim the sum of forty (40) rupees on account of kit lost in the barracks at Agra, in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

336th. Regimental No. 666, Private *James Heany*, No. 3 Company, attached to No. 4 Company 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge on the grounds of my attestation, and that my health would not permit me to serve in the country; I have had sun stroke. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

337th. Regimental No. 1,289, Private *John Sullivan*, No. 3 Company, attached to No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge or the option of re-enlistment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes the inquiry of No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment excepting those in hospital, on detachment, or absent from other causes.

[The Court adjourned at Nine o'clock, A.M.

ELEVENTH DAY—*Wednesday*, 1 *June* 1859.

THE President and Members are all present, as on the 31st day of May 1859.

338th. Regimental No. 316, Private *Edward Evans*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 9¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The only complaint I have is that, while at Allygurh, I lost my kit in the stores at Agra, value 30 rupees.

[The complainant withdraws.

339th. Regimental No. 330, Private *Christopher Haggerty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am either entitled to my discharge or re-enlistment with bounty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

340th. Regimental No. 323, Private *Patrick Attern*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I have been transferred to a service for which I was not attested. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

341st. Regimental No. 339, Private *Joseph Murphy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I wish for the option of discharge, re-enlistment or volunteering. I lost a kit in the stores of Agra in 1857, value at twenty-six (26) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

342d. Regimental No. 335, Lance-corporal *Bernard Kerr*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have only to complain that while I was at Allygurh I lost my kit, which was in the stores in Agra. I value the lost kit at thirty-three (33) rupees and eight (8) annas. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

343d. Regimental No. 62, Corporal *James Reardon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Company's service being done away, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as I object to my transfer. While I was at Aliyghur on duty I lost kit to the value of thirty (30) rupees in the stores at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

344th. Regimental No. 486, Private *John Magrath*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I was enlisted, is dissolved. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 487, Corporal *Alexander M'Lean*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 345th.

I wish for my discharge, as I was transferred from the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, without my consent, or either option of re-enlistment or volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 350, Corporal *Brien Attern*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 346th.

I have no complaint to make, but I think I ought to have had the option of re-enlistment or volunteering.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 352, Private *David Buchanan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 347th.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I wish for the option of re-enlistment or volunteering. I lost a kit to the value of 26 rupees, lost at Agra while I was absent on duty at Allyghur in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 355, Private *Richard Fitzgerald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 348th.

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I lost kit to the value of thirty (30) rupees in the stores at Agra, while absent at Allyghur on duty in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 356, Private *Patrick Gabbott*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 349th.

The East India Company's service being done away with, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 358, Sergeant *John Hogan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 350th.

I lost kit to the value of thirty (30) rupees in the stores at Agra, while absent on duty at Allyghur in 1857. I have no other complaint.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 364, Private *John Murphy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 351st.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10 or 12 years if required, which service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost kit to the value of thirty-eight (38) rupees, in the stores at Agra, whilst absent on duty at Allyghur in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 544, Private *Patrick Roach*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 352d.

I wish to claim my discharge on account of my being transferred to the Crown, the East India Company's service for which I enlisted being done away with. I consider I have a right to a free discharge. I lost kit to the value of forty (40) rupees, in the stores at Agra while I was absent on duty at Allyghur in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 479, Private *Henry Waters*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states :— 353d.

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

354th. Regimental No. 701, Private *John Colville*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge on account of the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, being transferred to the Crown; I felt aggrieved by it. I lost a kit to the value of thirty (30) rupees, in the stores at Agra while I was absent on duty at Allyghur in 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

355th. Regimental No. 696, Private *Thomas Brine*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

Agreeably to the proclamation, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit to the value of twenty (20) rupees in the stores in the Fort of Agra in 1857, while absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complanant withdraws.

356th. Regimental No. 685, Serjeant *William Downey*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I lost my kit to the value of fifty (50) rupees at Agra, in 1857. I have no other complaint or grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

357th. Regimental No. 707, Private *Thomas Hill*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable Company's service, and consider I am entitled to my discharge. I claim the option of discharge, re-enlistment, or volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

358th. Regimental No. 734, Private *Simon Madigan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I think I am entitled to my discharge, as the Honourable East Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

359th. Regimental No. 757, Private *Richard O'Donnel*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the service in which I enlisted no longer exists. I lost kit to the value of twenty-four (24) rupees, in the stores at Agra, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

360th. Regimental No. 709, Private *Daniel Asborne*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years service, appears in court, and states:—

My attestation proves that I am entitled to my discharge from the Honourable East India Company's service; I, therefore, wish for it. I lost my kit, value twenty-three (23) rupees, in the stores at Agra, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

361st. Regimental No. 743, Private *John Kean*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being dissolved, and no longer in existence, for which I was enlisted, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; my grievance is, that I have been transferred without my consent, never having the option given me of either re-enlistment, volunteering, or discharge. I lost my kit, value at *Rs.* 52. 7. 6., in the stores at Agra, in 1817, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur.

I beg respectfully to state that I have been employed throughout the whole of the mutiny in several engagements, and constant harassing work, and have never received the slightest compensation in any way in the shape of batta, or anything else, for all I have gone through, and extra expense entailed. This I know to be the general feeling. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 797, Private *James O'Neil*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 362d.

I wish for my discharge, the Company, in whose service I enlisted, being abolished. I lost my kit on the 5th July 1857, to the value of thirty-two (32) rupees at Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 706, Private *William Woods*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 363d.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge as the Honourable East India Company's service for which I was enlisted, is dissolved. I lost my kit, value at twenty-two (22) rupees, in the stores at Agra, when I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 926, Private *Michael Briscoe*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:— 364th.

The Company's service for which I enlisted being no longer in existence, I claim my discharge; I consider I have a right to it. I lost my kit, value thirty (30) rupees, in the stores in the Fort of Agra, in July 1857, when absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 871, Private *George Selford*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 365th.

I consider that I am illegally detained in the service, the East India Company's service, for which I was enlisted, being no longer in existence, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 834, Private *James Heritage*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 366th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit value thirty (30) rupees, in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when I was away on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 804, Private *Ralph Bechet*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 367th.

I wish to get my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I lost my kit, value at thirty (30) rupees, in the store at Agra, in July 1857, when I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 861, Corporal *James Regan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 368th.

I enlisted to serve in the Honourable Company's service, which being no more, I think I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit, value at thirty-two (32) rupees left in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 833, Private *Richard Harrington*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:— 369th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which having ceased to exist as a ruling power, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit, value about twenty (20) rupees, left in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when absent on field service at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 883, Private *Hugh Anderson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states;— 370th.

I feel aggrieved at being obliged to remain in a service for which I never enlisted. I was attested only for the Honourable East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, provided they required my services. I wish for my discharge. I lost my kit, left in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when absent on duty at Allyghur. I claim the value of thirty-eight (38) rupees, for it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

371st. Regimental No. 1,052, Private *James Shanks*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

Being turned over to a service for which I never enlisted, I claim my discharge. I lost my kit, left in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when absent on field duty at Allyghur, value thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

372d. Regimental No. 1,020, Private *Thomas McChristal*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim a free discharge, because the Company's service has been turned over to the Queen, and I was only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

373d. Regimental No. 1,021, Private *Michael McConnel*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve in the Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required, which being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I lost my kit, value thirty-seven (37) rupees, in the stores at Agra, in July 1857, when I was away on field service at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

374th. Regimental No. 1,086, Private *Henry Smith*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve in the Honourable East India Company's service, for 10, or 12 years if required; the service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

375th. Regimental No. 1,080, Private *John Fay*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the East India Company, which being done away with I wish for my discharge. I lost my kit left at Agra in July 1857, value thirty-five (35) rupees, when absent on field service at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

376th. Regimental No. 1,081, Private *James Finlay*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I was enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I want my discharge. I lost my kit left at Agra in July 1857, value thirty-five (35) rupees, when absent on field duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

377th. Regimental No. 1,098, Private *Robert Simister*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I lost my kit left at Agra in July 1857, value about thirty-eight (38) rupees, when absent on field service at Allyghur. I am quite satisfied with the service, and have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

378th. Regimental No. 1,150, Private *Patrick Scanlon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, because the service for which I enlisted has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

379th. Regimental No. 1,201, Private *Patrick O'Brien*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I was never sworn in for Her Majesty's service, and consider that as the Honourable East India Company's service, in which I was enlisted is abolished, that I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

380th. Regimental No. 1,202, Private *Charles Ore*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,197, Private *Patrick Meany*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 381st.

I enlisted for the Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,154, Private *William Bourke*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 382d.

The Company's service being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,231, Private *James Lock*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 383d.

The Company's service, for which I enlisted, being demolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,286, Private *William Patterson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:— 384th.

In consequence of the Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to the option of discharge, enlistment or volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,212, Private *James Culimore*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 385th.

I require my discharge, as I was never sworn in for Her Majesty's service, and there is no longer any Company. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,293, Private *Henry Williams*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 386th.

I want my discharge; I am tired of soldiering in this country. I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which is now abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,313, Private *Patrick Keogh*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 387th.

I claim my discharge, on the conditions of my enlistment, the Company's service, for which I enlisted, being no longer in existence. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,316, Private *Michael Levy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 388th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being now done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,327, Private *John Rawley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3¾ years' service, appears in court and states: 389th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years provided my services were required so long; the said Company being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 971, Private *Joseph Howe*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, eight months' service, appears in court and states: 390th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

391st. Regimental No. 345, Drummer *Joseph Wraff*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I only enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge; I lost my kit, left in the stores at Agra in 1857, value sixteen (16) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes No. 5 Company, excepting those in hospital, on detachment, or absent from other causes.

The Court adjourned at 12 o'clock.

TWELFTH DAY.—*Thursday 2 June.*

The President and Members are all present as on the 1st day of June 1859.

392d. Regimental No. 400, Private *Patrick McMahon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service only; and I expect either my discharge or re-enlistment and bounty; I lost my kit at Agra in 1857; I value the kit at about 30 rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

393d. Regimental No. 397, Private *Patrick McLoughlin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, for I never was enlisted to serve Her Majesty, but only the East India Company. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

394th. Regimental No. 348, Private *Daniel Kelly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment. 6½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I feel aggrieved at being compelled to serve in Her Majesty's service, I consider that my consent to the transfer should have been asked, and that I ought to have had the option given me of re-enlistment, bounty, or discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

395th. Regimental No. 392, Private *Patrick Collins*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company, which service being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

396th. Regimental No. 185, Corporal *John McKenzie*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I make no claim; but if the discharge is to be given, I wish to avail myself of it.

[The complainant withdraws.

397th. Regimental No. 414, Private *Patrick Daly*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge; I lost my kit at Agra in 1857, value twenty-four (24) rupees, when I was absent on field duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

398th. Regimental No. 413, Private *Alexander Cameron*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service; I wish for my discharge unless I am allowed to volunteer, in which case I am willing to serve in Her Majesty's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

399th. Regimental No. 416, Private *Richard Howel*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge; I think I am entitled to it, the service for which I enlisted being done away with. I have no other grievance

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 538, Private *John Porter*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 400th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge; I lost a kit on the 6th July at Agra; I found it laying about; the kit was tossed about; I value my loss at twenty (20) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 543, Private *Michael Quin*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 401st.

I am under a different Government from that for which I enlisted, and therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 421, Private *James Montgomery*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 402d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service only, which service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 533, Private *James Montgomery Donald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 403d.

I never enlisted for Her Majesty's service, and feel aggrieved at being compelled to serve in a service I was never enlisted for; I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 775, Private *John Todman*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 404th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, wish for my discharge, if it can be obtained. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 718, Private *David Lewis*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 405th.

I complain that I was transferred from the Honourable East India Company's service, to Her Majesty's, without my consent; I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 723, Private *John Foley*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 406th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge; I lost my kit at Agra in 1857, value twenty-one (21) rupees and twelve (12) annas, when I was away on field service at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 759, Private *John McLynn*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 407th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge; I lost a kit at Agra in July 1857, value twenty (20) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 714, Private *John Long*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 408th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I wish for my discharge, if I can obtain it; I lost my kit at Agra in July 1857, value twenty-five (25) rupees; I also claim bedding lost at the same time. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 850, Private *Francis McDonald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 409th.

I don't consider it just that I should be detained in the service, the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished; I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

410th Regimental No. 815 Private *John D. Croy,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim a free discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, is dissolved. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

411th. Regimental No. 827, Corporal *George France,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and I consider as a right that I am entitled to a free discharge, that service being abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

412th. Regimental No. 819, Serjeant *John Dixon,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which has ceased to exist; I therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

413th. Regimental No. 906, Private *John Murphy,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I would wish to get my discharge if I can obtain it. I have no complaint to make.

[The complainant withdraws.

414th. Regimental No. 912, Private *George Rushton,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, because the Company's service, for which I enlisted, is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

415th. Regimental No. 916, Private *Michael Sheridan,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

416th. Regimental No. 885, Private *Henry Clark,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being done away with, I wish to get my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

417th. Regimental No. 915, Lance Corporal *Robert J. Smith,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

Being transferred to another service, for which I was never enlisted, and without my consent, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

418th. Regimental No. 716, Private *Thomas Higgins,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The service for which I enlisted being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

419th. Regimental No. 932, Private *Dennis Delaney,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being abolished, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

420th. Regimental No. 1,056, Private *William Wright,* 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I lost my kit, value twenty (20) rupees, in the Fort at Agra, while I was on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 977, Private *Michael Coulton*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¼ years' service, appears in court and states:— 421st.

I want my discharge, as I only enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service. I lost my kit, value thirty (30) rupees, in the Fort at Agra, when absent on field duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,033, Corporal *Joseph Eden*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:— 422d.

Being transferred without my consent, I consider that I am entitled to the option of discharge, re-enlistment, or bounty volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 978, Private *George Dogherty*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:— 423d.

The Company's service being abolished, I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,100, Private *Thomas Williams*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in court and states:— 424th.

I consider I am entitled to my discharge, as the service for which I enlisted has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,086, Private *William Green*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 425th.

I want nothing more but my discharge, as the service for which I enlisted has ceased to exist.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 402, Private *Patrick O'Neil*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:— 426th.

I feel myself aggrieved at being transferred to the Queen's service without having the option given me of re-enlistment or discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,090, Private *John Nickson*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 427th.

The Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, being abolished, I consider I am entitled to either my discharge or re-enlistment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,067, Private *Michael Mullally*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, nine months' service, appears in court and states:— 428th.

I wish for my discharge, if I am entitled to it. I have no complaint of any kind.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,190, Private *Joseph Johnston*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 429th.

I think I am entitled to a free discharge, as the Honourable Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,162, Private *Patrick Flanagan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 430th.

I may require my discharge, if I am entitled to it. I have no complaint to make.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,225, Private *David Hennessy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 431st.

I require my discharge; I claim it as a right, because I enlisted for the Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

432d. Regimental No. 1,195, Private *Thomas McMahon*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the service being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

433d. Regimental No. 1,210, Private *James Brenan*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I did not enlist to serve the Queen, I have not been well since I entered the country. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

434th. Regimental No. 1,215, Private *James Duffy*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, or re-enlistment, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

435th. Regimental No. 1,303, Private *Thomas Dalton*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Company's service being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge, and I wish for it. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

436th. Regimental No. 390, Private *Dennis Burke*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6 ½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Company's service being abolished, for which I enlisted, I consider I am entitled to my discharge or re-enlistment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

This closes No. 6 Company.

Men who were not present when their companies were examined, being on guard, in hospital, and on other duties.

437th. Regimental No. 1,277, Private *John McDonald*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, and as it is no longer in existence I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

438th. Regimental No. 1,241, Private *Martin Maher*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10, or 12 years if required; the said service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

439th. Regimental No. 50, Private *John Murphy*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I have a right to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

440th. Regimental No. 1,246, Private *John Smith*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the service of the Honourable East India Company; the service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

441st. Regimental No. 798, Private *George Tilyard*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company's service; the said service being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 44, Private *Matthew Spellacy*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 442d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service which being abolished, I claim my discharge, as I wish to go home. I lost my kit in July 1857, in the Fort at Agra, while absent on duty at Allyghur. I claim compensation to the value of twenty-six (26) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 427, Private *William Wilson*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:— 443d.

I enlisted to serve the East India Company, whose service being done away with I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit in the fort at Agra, in July 1857, which I valued at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 107, Corporal *William Peden*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:— 444th.

I have no complaint to make about the transfer, but I claim compensation for a kit lost in the fort at Agra, in 1857, when I was absent on field duty, at Allyghur. I have two cousins serving in Bombay, and I would like to be transferred to that Presidency.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 532, Lance Corporal *Thomas McNerney*, No. 1. Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 445th.

The service in which I enlisted not being in existence, I claim a free discharge. I claim a compensation for a kit value thirty-five (35) rupees, lost in the fort at Agra, in 1857, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 895, Private *Jeremiah Hendrick*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¼ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 446th.

I claim my discharge as the East India Company's service, in which I enlisted, has been abolished. I lost my kit on the 5th July 1857, at Agra, value (30) rupees, for which I claim compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 944, Private *Thomas Holt*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:— 447th.

I want my discharge, as the service in which I enlisted, has been done away with. I claim compensation for kit lost in July 1857, at Agra, value twenty-seven (27) rupees.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,163, Private *Thomas James Grey*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 448th.

The Company's service being done away with, for which I was attested, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,264, Private *Henry Dangerfield*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:— 449th.

I enlisted to serve the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to a free discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 857, Private *Patrick Murphy*, No 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court and states:— 450th.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit, value about forty (40) rupees in the fort at Agra in 1857 when absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

451st. Regimental No. 936, Private *Thomas Furlong*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service; I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I was never asked about the transfer. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

452d. Regimental No. 1,149, Private *James Pyatt*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

The Company's service being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

453d. Regimental No. 1,147, Private *Thomas McEwing*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I wish for my discharge, more particularly as I have never been well since I have been in the country; I have always been in hospital. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

454th. Regimental No. 1,266, Private *Bernard Foy*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the Company's service for which I enlisted is dissolved. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

455th. Regimental No. 924, Private *James Barratt*, No. 3 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I want my discharge, as the service for which I enlisted no longer exists. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

456th. Regimental No. 1,104, Lance Corporal *George Jones*, 3d Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I felt aggrieved at the way I have been turned over to Her Majesty's service without being asked; I therefore claim my discharge. I lost a kit on the 5th July 1857, at Agra, value twenty (20) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

457th. Regimental No. 1,256, Private *John Phillips*, No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1⅓ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

458th. Regimental No. 315, Private *Edward Larken*, No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I only wish to claim my discharge, as the East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

459th. Regimental No. 341, Private *Robert Richardson*, No. 5 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' services, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted in the East India Company's service for 10 or 12 years, if required, the said Company being done away with, I claim my discharge. I lost kit to the value of twenty-four (24) rupees in 1857, in the Fort of Agra, when absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

460th. Regimental No. 213, Drummer *John Hayes*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6¼ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being abolished, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I lost my kit on the 5th July at Agra, value twenty-eight (28) rupees, for which I claim compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,083, Private *William Galloway*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3¾ years' service appears in court and states:— 461st.

The Company's service for which I enlisted being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I lost my kit, left in the Fort of Agra in 1857, when absent on duty at Allyghur; I claim compensation to the value of 19 rupees, 7 annas. I have no other grievanee.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 469, Private *William White*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 462d.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being dissolved, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 448, Private *John Clark*, No. 7 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 463d.

I feel aggrieved at the manner in which I have been transferred, and claim the option of volunteering or re-enlistment. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 468, Lance Corporal *Patrick Wallace*, No. 7 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court and states:— 464th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 831, Private *William Hamilton*, No. 7 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:— 465th.

The service for which I enlisted being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. $\frac{618}{763}$, Private *Thomas Fitz Williams*, No. 8 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 9 years 10 months' service, appears in court and states:— 466th.

I lost my kit left in the Fort at Agra in 1857, when away on duty at Allyghur, value nineteen rupees and twelve annas (19. 12.), the Company being done away with for which I enlisted, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 889, Private *William Ewing*, No. 8 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:— 467th.

The proclamation declared the Company's service abolished; I enlisted for that service, and claim my discharge; I claim one month's dry batta for May and June 1857; I lost kit left in the fort at Agra in 1857 when absent on duty at Allyghur, value twenty (20) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,123, Private *Peter Bennet*, No. 8 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ¾ years' service, appears in Court, and states:— 468th.

I consider the service for which I enlisted abolished, and therefore claim the option of volunteering. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 771, Lance Corporal *William Gillespie*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in Court, and states:— 469th.

On account of the East India Company, for which I enlisted, being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 764, Private *Thomas Holmes*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in Court, and states:— 470th.

I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which has ceased to exist, I therefore claim my discharge; I lost my kit at Agra on the 5th July 1857, value thirty-one (31) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

471st. Regimental No. 1,059, Private *William Wilson*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I enlisted for the East India Company's service for 10 or 12 years, if required. The service being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

472d. Regimental No. 1,178, Private *Michael Welsh*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ¼ years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

My cousin being in the Carabineers, I wish to be allowed to volunteer to him. I have nothing else to say.

[The complainant withdraws.

The Court adjourned at 12 o'clock.

THIRTEENTH DAY.—*Friday* 3 *June* 1859.

THE Court met at 6.30, a.m., at the Hospital, 3d Bengal European Regiment. The President and Members are all present as on the 2d day of June 1859.

473d. Regimental No. 1,006, Corporal *Edward Doyle*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, four years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I lost part of my kit, which was with the Dhoby at the time the mutiny broke out in 1857, which I value at eight (8) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

474th. Regimental No. 810, Private *James Cleary*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I have no complaint to make; I want my discharge, if I can obtain it; I am always getting into troubles, and my health is not good.

[The complainant withdraws.

475th. Regimental No. 1,900, Private *James Thomas*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court and states:—

I would like to get my discharge, if I am not claimed by the regiment from which I deserted, on the grounds of my attestation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

476th. Regimental No. 1,188, Private *James Grey*, No. 7 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

477th. Regimental No. 170, Corporal *Dennis Donogan*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I am given to understand that the East India Company's service for which I enlisted is abolished; I lost my kit on the 3d July 1857, when I was sent out of the Fort of Agra to join my company; I value my loss about thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

478th. Regimental No. 820, Private *Charles Doherty*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I consider I am entitled to a free discharge, as the service for which I enlisted has been broken up; I lost my kit in the Fort of Agra in 1857, value at thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

479th. Regimental No. 517, Private *William Gilbertson*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I am entitled to my discharge, as the East India Company's service for which I enlisted is abolished; I lost my kit in the Fort at Agra in July 1857, value (30) thirty rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

480th. Regimental No. 1136, Private *Ellis Roberts*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, three years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I claim my discharge on the grounds of my attestation; I lost kit to value of about nine (9) rupees in the Fort of Agra, in July 1857, for which I have had no compensation. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

481st. Regimental No. 247, Private *John Tyner*, Grenadier Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I want my discharge, as the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, has been done away with; I lost my kit in the Fort of Agra in July 1857, value at about thirty (30) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

482d. Regimental No. 505, Private *Joseph Gordon*, No, 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 12 years' service, appears in Court, and states:—

I lost my kit in July 1857 at Agra, and consider it was worth about forty (40) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

483d. Regimental No. 643, Private *Stephen Hardy*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim 21 rupees I handed over to the pay sergeant. I have nothing further to complain of.

[The complainant withdraws.

484th. Regimental No. 464, Sergeant *Charles Purcell*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I consider I am entitled to my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

485th. Regimental No. 700, Corporal *John Mahon*, No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge, as the service for which I enlisted, has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

486th. Regimental No. 1,238, Private *Michael Collins*, No. 2 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with; I expect my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

487th. Regimental No. 933, Private *Thomas Delaney*, No. 3 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, five years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge, as I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which has been done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

488th. Regimental No. 1,280, Private *William Millwood*, No. 3 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being abolished, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

489th. Regimental No. 359, Private *Timothy Hartnett*, No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge on the grounds of the Honourable East India Company's service being abolished; I lost my kit, value thirty (30) rupees left in the stores in the Fort of Agra, while I was absent on Field duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

490th. Regimental No. 1,050, Private *James Skilling*, No. 5 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 4½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I claim my discharge, as I was enlisted for the East India Company's service, which has ceased to exist. I lost my kit, value at thirty (30) rupees, left in the stores in the Fort of Agra in 1857, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

491st. Regimental No. 1,086, Lance Corporal *Michael Hallahan*, No. 5 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 3½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I lost my kit, value at thirty (30) rupees, left in the stores at Agra in 1857, when I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

492d. Regimental No. 1,328, Private *Albert Tagg*, No. 5 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being dissolved, for which I enlisted, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

493d. Regimental No. 389, Drummer *James Alloway*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6 ¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I wish for my discharge, on the grounds of my enlistment in the Honourable East India Company's service. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

494th. Regimental No. 387, Private *John M'Donald*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, six years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge, the proclamation saying that I was transferred to the Queen. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

495th. Regimental No. 724, Private *Henry Allan*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

496th. Regimental No. 708, Private *James Alwill*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Company's service in which I enlisted, being done away with, I wish for my discharge. I lost kit, to the value of forty-three (43) rupees, left at Agra in 1857, while I was absent on duty at Allyghur. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

497th. Regimental No. 1,164, Private *George Hall*, No. 6 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service being broken up, for which I enlisted, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

498th. Regimental No. 1,326, Private *John Russell*, No. 7 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 1½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

The Honourable East India Company's service, for which I enlisted, being broken up, I wish for my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

499th. Regimental No. 632, Private *Michael Reardon*, No. 8 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:—

I want my discharge, because I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which I understand is done away with. I lost my kit on the 5th July 1857, at Agra, which I value at thirty-five (35) rupees. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 500, Private *George Aird*, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 10 ½ years service, appear in court, and states:— 500th.

I lost kit, to the value of twenty-seven (27) rupees, in July 1857, in the Fort of Agra. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 587, Private *Samuel Pepper*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 6 ½ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 501st.

I claim my discharge; the Honourable East India Company's service, for which I was attested, being done away with. I lost kit to the value of twenty-five (25) rupees, in the Fort of Agra, in July 1857. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 786, Private *John Mulbey*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5½ years' service appears in court, and states:— 502d.

I wish for my discharge, as I enlisted for the East India Company's service, which is abolished. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,230, Private *James Kinsella*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:— 503d.

I enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, which being done away with, I claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,245, Private *Thomas Swift*, Light Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, two years' service, appears in court, and states:— 504th.

I never enlisted for Her Majesty's service, and therefore claim my discharge. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 299, Private *Dennis Goulding*, No. 4 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 5 ¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 505th.

I claim my discharge, having enlisted for the Honourable East India Company's service, and have never been sworn in to serve Her Majesty. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,146, Private *Patrick M'Grath*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European Regiment, 2 ¾ years' service, appears in court, and states:— 506th.

I claim my discharge on the terms of my enlistment, the East India Company's service being done away with. I have no other grievance.

[The complainant withdraws.

Regimental No. 1,325, Private *George Ryan*, No. 1 Company, 3d Bengal European, Regiment, 2 ¾ years' service, appears in court and states:— 507th.

I claim my discharge, having enlisted for the East India Company's service, which is no longer in existence. I have no other grievance.

This closes the 3d Bengal European Regiment.

The Court adjourns for further orders.

Morah, Gwalior, 3 June 1859.

C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade, President Gwalior Division of Court of Inquiry.

W. Riddell, Colonel,
Commanding 3d Bengal European Regiment, Member.

B. D. Campbell, Lieutenant Colonel,
Commanding 71st Regiment.

G. G. Daniell, Major,
Officiating Deputy Judge Advocate General Gwalior Division.

The accompanying written statements of the 3d and 8th Companies of the 3d Bengal European Regiment, detached at Seepree, taken by the officers commanding them, are forwarded, as the men of these companies could not appear before the Court of Inquiry to make their own statement.

C. S. Stuart, Brigadier,
Commanding 1st Brigade Gwalior Division.

Enclosure 4, in No. 22.

(No. 808.)

Encl. 4, in No. 22. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

Military Department. WITH reference to a telegram received this day from the Governor General by the Commander in Chief, I am directed to annex, for the information of his Excellency in Council, copy of a telegraphic circular of this date, addressed to all officers commanding divisions, directing the omission of the last clause in the declaration to be signed by soldiers who take their discharge under Government General Order, No. 883, of 20th June 1859.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head-quarters, Simla, 9 July 1859.

(No. 98.)

COPY of Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla, dated 9 July 1859.—From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Officers Commanding Divisions.

IN continuation of telegram of 7th instant, I am to direct (with the sanction of Government), that in the declaration to be signed by soldiers taking their discharge under Government General Order, 20th June, the last two lines, commencing immediately after the words "pensionary benefit," are to be omitted. For form of declaration, *see* General Order by the Commander in Chief, 1855, page 117.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 5, in No. 22.

(No. 813.)

Encl. 5, in No. 22. From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Sir,

Military Department. WITH reference to my telegram of yesterday's date* (copy of which is enclosed), I have the honour, by direction of the Commander in Chief, to annex transcript of a telegram addressed on the 7th instant,† by Lord Clyde's desire, to officers commanding divisions, reminding them that 30 days must elapse before the declarations can be signed by officers commanding divisions, as well as of a further message of this date, informing general officers that every reasonable encouragement may be given to men wishing to change their minds in the matter of discharge before the expiration of the 30 days.

* No. 100.
† No. 95.
‡ No. 101.

I have, &c.
H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Head-quarters, Simla, 11 July 1859.

(No. 100.)

COPY of Message by Electric Telegraph.

From Simla, 10 July 1859.—From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta.—To Secretary to Government, Military Department.

IN reply to your message of 8th July, 6·40 p. m., the Commander in Chief has already anticipated the precaution suggested as to men not being hurried into signing their discharge declaration.

2. Lord Clyde's immediate consideration will be given to the second part of your message, according to the plan laid down in confidential circular to officers commanding divisions.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

TELEGRAM.

(No. 95.)

Adjutant General's Office, Head-quarters, Simla, 7 July 1859.

YOUR attention is called to the declaration signed by soldiers obtaining their discharge at their own request. You will observe that at least 30 days must elapse before that declaration can be signed after the soldier has signified his wish to be discharged. A reference has been made to Government by the Commander in Chief, to know if any part of that declaration shall be omitted in the case of the soldiers taking their discharge under Government General Order (No. 883), dated the 20th ultimo. Till you receive orders on this point, do not allow any declaration to be signed.

By order.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Officers Commanding Divisions.

TELEGRAM.

(No. 101.)

Adjutant General's Office,
Head-quarters, Simla, 11 July 1859.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF directs me to inform you, that prior to the expiration of the 30 days before which the discharge declarations of European soldiers cannot be signed, every reasonable encouragement may be given to men wishing to change their minds, and remain in the service, without putting them on the back.

By order.

To Officers Commanding Divisions.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 6, in No. 22.

Message by Electric Telegraph.

(No. 105.)

By Order of the Commander in Chief. Encl. 6, in No. 22.

From Simla, dated 13 July 1859.—From the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

THE Commander in Chief quite approves of Brigadier Christie going to Berhampore to replace Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie, if Colonel Mackenzie must be relieved.

2. If inconvenience would arise from Brigadier Christie leaving Barrackpore, Lord Clyde thinks Colonel Healy, 38th Foot, who is now understood to be in Calcutta, would be a good selection for the duty.

H. W. Norman, Major,
Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Enclosure 7, in No. 22.

(No. 24.)

To Major General *Birch*, C.B., Secretary to Government, Calcutta. Encl. 7, in No. 22.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 678, of the 14th instant, and to state in reply, that I honestly consider my state of health will prevent my doing justice to the service and myself; I have, except on one day, though confined to the house, carried on the work as usual, but find that it prevents me getting well; however, I continue to do my utmost, and shall feel much obliged by your having the goodness to inform Government that I fully appreciate the consideration which has been shown me.

The orders that I have given are all entered in the regimental order book, and Captain Fenwick is an officer, who no doubt will faithfully carry them out.

I have, &c.
Kenneth Mackenzie,
Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding at Berhampore.

Berhampore, 16 July 1859.

(No. 897.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Officiating Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, dated 18 July 1859.

Sir,

Military Department.

I AM directed to request that instructions may be immediately sent to Brigadier J. Christie, commanding at Barrackpore, to proceed to Berhampore without delay, and assume the command of that station as a temporary arrangement, relieving Lieutenant Colonel H. Mackenzie, C.B., whose health will not allow him to continue in command.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
18 July 1859.

(Nos. 898 and 899.)

COPY of the foregoing forwarded to the Major General commanding the Presidency Division, for the information of Brigadier Christie, and to the Military Auditor General, for information.

By order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

(No. 1,019.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Officiating Adjutant General of the Army, dated 20 July 1859.

Sir,

Military Department.

I AM desired to acquaint you, for the information of the Right Honourable the Commander in Chief, that Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie having reported that the state of his health is not such as to admit of his continuing to perform efficiently his present duties, arrangements have been made for his relief by sending Brigadier Christie to Berhampore.

His Excellency the Governor General in Council desires to acknowledge the good judgment and temper with which Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie has discharged an invidious duty, and the complete fulfilment of the expectations with which, as regards his personal conduct of affairs, the Government of India sent him to Berhampore.

I am desired to request that the Commander in Chief may be moved to convey to Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie the sentiments of Government as above expressed.

I am, &c.
R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
20 July 1859.

Enclosure 8, in No. 22.

Encl. 8, in No. 22.

(No. 1,792.)

COPY of Service Message, by Electric Telegraph.

From Bombay.—From the Military Secretary to Government.

To Calcutta.—To the Secretary to Government of India.

MANY men enlisted after the transfer of the Government of India to the Crown, were attested for the services of the East India Company evidently by mistake, or using the old printed forms; specimen will be sent by post. Shall discharge be given to them on demand, or no?

Electric Telegraph Department,
20 July 1859, 6·45 a.m.

(No. 1,088 A.)

From the Secretary to the Government of India, to the Secretary to Government Bombay, Military Department, dated 21 July 1859.

Sir,

I AM directed to inform you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you: Military Department.

"Your message of the 20th received. The Government of India considers the soldiers referred to entitled to discharge on demand."

I have, &c.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Council Chamber, Fort William,
21 July 1859.

(No. 1,088 B.)

COPY of message from Bombay, No. 1,792, and of the foregoing reply, forwarded for information to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Military Department.

By order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

R. J. H. Birch, Major General,
Secretary to the Government of India.

Enclosure 9, in No. 22.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS of the Court of Inquiry at *Meerut*. Encl. 9, in No. 22.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Wednesday*, 8 *June* 1859—[*continued from p.* 431.]

PRIVATE *J. Henry* (a native of Athlone, a baker, attested at Athlone, on the 11th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 694th Complainant, Private J. Henry.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and 2 more if required, and now the Company's dissolved, I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Irwin* (a native of Dublin, a printer, attested at Dublin on the 2d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 695th Complainant, Private W. Irwin.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company's Cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's disannulled, I think I'm entitled to my discharge. I don't dislike soldiering at all, but I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first at all, but the second is something like it, but my oath was to serve the East India Company, to bear allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *C. Jeffreys* (a native of London, a rope-maker, attested at London on the 30th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 696th Complaint, Private C. Jeffreys.

What's your complaint?—I wasn't asked to serve the Queen, and from what I hear, the Company's done away with, and I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath.

Anything more to say?—No sir.

[Withdraws.

697th Complainant, Private A. Johnson.

Private *P. Johnson* (a native of Edinburgh, a slater, attested at Edinburgh on the 5th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn in for the East India Company, and I want my discharge as the Company's abolished, and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown complainant*)?—Neither of these oaths is what I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, as one of her subjects.

Anything more to say?—Nothing else, sir.

[Withdraws.

698th Complainant, Private P. Kennedy.

Private *P. Kennedy* (a native of Galway, a labourer, attested at Gort, on the 6th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I listed for the Honourable East India Company, and now it's broken up, I wish to get my discharge. I don't want to serve any other power.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honourable East India Company; there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

699th Complainant, Private J. Long.

Private *J. Long* (a native of county Wicklow, a labourer, attested at Dublin, on the 13th February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I was sworn to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I think I'm entitled to a bounty or a free discharge, and I'd like to see both down before me, and then I'd make up my mind which to take.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if they required my services, and there was nothing at all about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

700th Complainant, Private A. M'Pherson.

Private *A. M'Pherson* (a native of Paisley, a labourer, attested at Glasgow, on the 16th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a bounty or free discharge, but I haven't made up my mind which I'd take if they were before me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty.

Anything in the oath about Her Majesty's heirs and successors?—No sir.

Anything more to say?—No sir.

[Withdraws.

701st Complainant, Private M. O'Keefe.

Private *M. O'Keeffe* (a native of county Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 23d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty.

Anything about Her Majesty's heirs and successors in the oath?—No, sir, nothing.

Anything more to say?—No sir.

[Withdraws.

702d Complainant, Private A. Madden.

Private *A. Madden* (a native of county Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 24th August 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, if she required me so long, and now they're broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it and go home, as I don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—That's not the oath I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Not to Her Majesty herself?—Those are the very words I said to you, Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—Nothing else to say, sir.

Withdraws.

Private *M. Manning* (a native of county Roscommon, a labourer, attested at Newcastle-under-Lyne on the 15th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 703d Complainant, Private M. Manning.

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed for the late East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now they're done away with, I think myself a free man, and entitled to a free discharge, and if I was in the same mind as I'm now, I'd take it if I had a chance, but it depends.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I wasn't sworn in from that, the first part; but the other is something like it; I wasn't sworn in for Her Majesty at all.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *C. Meenagh* (a native of county Armagh, a weaver, attested at Armagh on the 7th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 704th Complainant, Private C. Meenagh.

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company's Light Cavalry, for the term of 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and I understand it's done away with, I think I should be entitled to my discharge, and I think I should take it, if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took oath to honour Her Majesty and respect her, her heirs and successors, and to serve the Company for 12 years, not exceeding 14.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. O'Donnell* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 14th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 705th Complainant, Private J. O'Donnell.

What's your complaint?—My complaint is that I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14, and that Company doesn't exist, sir, and I consider myself a free man.

And what would you do if you were a free man?—I'd go home and work, sir. I have very bad health. I've been in hospital since last August, and only came out yesterday.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, to be loyal and respectful to Her Majesty and the Royal Family, but not to serve her.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *A. Patton* (a native of county Armagh, a shoemaker, attested at Portsdown on the 1st August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 706th Complainant, Private A. Patton.

What's your complaint?—The East India Company is broken up, and I want my discharge, as I don't like the country too well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I didn't take the first part of the oath. My oath was to serve the East India Company. There was nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *A. Pinder* (a native of York, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 707th Complainant, Private A. Pinder.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, not exceeding 14, and now the Company's done away with, I want my discharge, and I think I'd take it if I had the chance, as the country don't agree with me very well.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This is something like it, but not exactly. I listed to serve the East India Company, and to pay respect to Her Majesty, in the same way that civilians do at home.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

708th Complainant, Private W. Purcell.

Private *W. Purcell* (a native of Kildare, a shoemaker, attested at Dublin on the 8th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—As the Company's done away with, I think I ought to get my discharge, but I'd like to be re-enlisted to serve the Queen.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—There was nothing like the first, but the second is something like. My oath was to serve the Company, and not the Queen, and I'd like to be re-attested again, as I have no objection to serve her.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

709th Complainant, Private T. Reid.

Private *T. Reid* (a native of Antrim, a labourer, attested at Coleraine on the 5th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I have no complaint, sir, but I don't like being turned over to the Queen without being asked, and I want a bounty or discharge.

And which would you take if you had the choice?—I can't say; if I had my own liberty, I mean my own choice, I'd tell.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This is not the oath I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and there wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

710th Complainant, Private J. Robinson.

Private *J. Robinson* (a native of Manchester, a labourer, attested at Manchester on the 2d July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I don't like being turned over to the Queen, the same as the rest of them. I look for a bounty, which I might take if it was a good one.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I tore it up as soon as I got it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No sir, not the first part, but the second is something like it. My oath was to serve the Company and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

711th Complainant, Private T. Rogers.

Private *T. Rogers* (a native of Armagh, a labourer, attested at Belfast on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, and I don't like being turned over to Her Majesty without getting anything for it, and if I got my discharge I might enlist again if there was a bounty, but I'd consider of it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to the Queen, her heirs and successors, but not to serve her.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

712th Complainant, Private R. Russell.

Private *R. Russell* (a native of Paisley, a labourer, attested at Glasgow, on the 3d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, and 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I consider myself a free man, and if I got my discharge I'd take it, as I have a comfortable home with my parents to go to.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company, and to be faithful and true to Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Not to be true to Her Majesty herself?—No, sir, to her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir, only if I serve the Queen against my will, I'll never have a contented mind.

[Withdraws.

713th Complainant, Private J. Sanwell.

Private *J. Sanwell* (a native of London, a porter, attested at London, on the 15th February 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and if I got it, I don't know yet whether I'd enlist again.

Have

713th Complainant.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to the Queen, her heirs and successors. This is not the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

714th Complainant, Private H. Shaw.

Private *H. Shaw* (a native of Glasgow, a mason, attested at Glasgow on the 22d July 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Just the same as the rest of them, sir. Now the Company is broke up, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and go home, as I don't like soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and there wasn't a word in it about Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

715th Complainant, Private E. Tovey.

Private *E. Tovey* (a native of Birmingham, a steel spectacle maker, attested at Birmingham on the 18th August 1858), being called into court, is questioned by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, sir, for 12 years or 14 if required, and as they don't require my services, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, or a fresh bounty; I can't exactly say, but I think if I had the choice, I'd rather go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was allegiance to the Company, and to be loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

716th Complainant, Private R. Treanor.

Private *R. Treanor* (a native of county Tyrone, an iron dresser, attested at Little Warley on the 2d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company, sir, and now the Company's broken up, I wish to have my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, as I want to go home.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182–3, *was here shown to complainant*)?—No, the first one is not like it; the second is more like, but it's not it. My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be true and loyal to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No. sir.

[Withdraws.

717th Complainant, Private G. Turner.

Private *G. Turner* (a native of Liverpool, a labourer, attested at Liverpool on the 5th August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General;—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Honourable East India Company for 12 years, and two more, if required; and now the Company's done away with, I think myself a free man, and if I got my discharge I'd take it, as I haven't had such good health since I've been in the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested—(*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and I don't remember anything about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

718th Complainant, Private J. Walkden.

Private *J. Walkden* (a native of Blackburn, a moulder, attested at Blackburn on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General;—

What's your complaint?—Having taken an oath to serve the East India Company, I wish to know why I am turned over to serve Her Majesty without consent, when I didn't list for it.

718th Complainant.

(It is explained to the complainant what oath he took when he enlisted, and the original attestation certificate of one of the men of the regiment, which had been procured from the Town Major's Office, in Calcutta, is shown to him, as also the clause of the Transfer Act, under which the late Company's army was taken by the Crown.)

Examination resumed.

Do you now understand the terms under which you are serving in Her Majesty's Indian Army?—Yes, sir.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I can't exactly recollect, sir; but I know I must be loyal to Her Majesty as a subject.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

719th Complainant, Private T. Walsh.

Private *T. Walsh* (a native of Tipperary, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 3d February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's service for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now they are done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it, if I got it, as I'm tired of this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Company, and to be true to Her Majesty's heirs and successors.

Not to be true to Her Majesty?—No, everybody at home is obliged to be that, without taking an oath for it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

720th Complainant, Private J. Warner.

Private *J. Warner* (a native of Cork, a labourer, attested at Cork on the 22d January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the Company, and of course, sir, as the Company's abolished, I think myself a free man, and I don't know what I'd do if I was a free man.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, Sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the Company, and to be true to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

721st Complainant, Private J. White.

Private *J. White* (a native of Dorsetshire, a labourer, attested at Cardiff on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I want my discharge, sir, now the Company's done away with, and if got it I'd go home. I've been in hospital a good while, and don't like the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and to be faithful to her Majesty, but not to serve her.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

722d Complainant, Private G. Williams.

Private *G. Williams* (a native of Plymouth, a labourer, attested at Liverpool, on the 18th January 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Just the same as the rest of the men; I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and I'd take a fresh bounty if it was a good one.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to be true to Her Majesty's heirs and successors, and to serve the Company.

Not to be true to Her Majesty herself?—I can't remember, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

The Court adjourns a quarter before 4 p. m., till to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a.m.

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.—*Thursday, 9 June* 1859.

The Court assemble at 11 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.—All present as yesterday.

There being no more complainants in the H Troop, the Court proceed to inquire into the complaints of the men of the I Troop.

723d Complainant, Private C. Crawford.

Private *C. Crawford*, (a native of Dublin, a hatter, attested at Dublin, on the 9th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or two more if required; and now they're done away with, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or a fresh bounty. I've not got my health very well, but I'm better at present. I can't make up my mind which I'd take, if I had the option.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I deny the first part of the oath: the second is something like it. I was sworn in by a policeman; the magistrate was trying prisoners at the time. I don't remember anything about Her Majesty, or putting pen to paper.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

724th Complainant, Private J. Cain.

Private *J. Cain* (a native of county Galway, a labourer, attested at Solly Hill on the 26th November 1857), is called into Court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—The Company's broke up now, and I wish to get a free discharge. I don't know if I'd enlist again.

Have you your attestation paper?—No sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. There wasn't a word said about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—Nothing else, sir.

[Withdraws.

725th Complainant, Private G. Cowell.

Private *G. Cowell* (a native of Hertford, a gardener, attested at Westminster on the 10th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I have got very little to say, sir. I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and now the Company's abolished, I think I am entitled to my discharge or bounty, and I'd re-enlist if I was allowed to go to the 5th Cavalry, in which I have several comrades.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the last part but not the first. There was nothing of Her Majesty in my oath. I never signed any paper.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

726th Complainant, Private M. Collins.

Private *M. Collins* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 13th July 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What is your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for the term of 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm liable to a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. Nothing of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

727th Complainant, Private S. Davis.

Private *S. Davis* (a native of Staffordshire, a labourer, attested at Bristol on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General :—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge or bounty, as I didn't enlist to serve the Queen after the Company's service broke up. I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice of a bounty or discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, I burnt it as soon as I got it.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath to serve the East India Company. Nothing about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

728th Complainant, Private J. Donohue.

Private *J. Donohue* (a native of Tipperary, a saddler, attested at Dublin on the 13th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's abolished I understand, I claim a free discharge. I don't know whether I'd take it. It's according to the bounty that's given, but I haven't the best of health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, nothing about the Queen; but I know I am to be loyal to her without taking any oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

729th Complainant, Private J. Dogherty.

Private *J. Dogherty* (a native of county Antrim, a ropemaker, attested at Belfast on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up, I don't see that I am called on to serve. I'm not tired of soldiering, and I don't know which I'd take if I had the chance of my discharge or bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company, there wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

730th Complainant, Private J. Drinan.

Private *J. Drinan*, (a native of Cork, a cooper, attested at Cork on the 4th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the Honourable East India Company's cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished, and ceased to exist as a governing power, I think I am entitled to a free discharge, and I'd take it and go home, as I can earn 28 *s.* or 30 *s.* a week there.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this, (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take this oath, any part of it. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in it.

Did you sign any paper when you were attested?—No, sir, I am quite sure I didn't. I could take my oath I didn't. I can write. I was sober at the time, I should remember if I signed anything.

Anything more to say?—Yes, sir, I have another complaint about my ship's clearance, I was 14 weeks on board, and only got 1 *l.* 5 *s.* 7 *d.*, and as a Company's soldier, I consider I am entitled to the balance.

(The complainant is informed that if he has any complaint on this head, he should prefer it before his commanding officer at the next orderly room.)

[Withdraws.

731st Complainant, Private A. Dyer.

Private *A. Dyer*, (a native of Belfast, a carpenter, attested at Belfast, on the 10th November 1857,) being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I wish to get my discharge, as the Company's broken up, and I'd take it if I got it and go home, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—This is not the oath I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company. Nothing about the Queen in my oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

732d Complainant, Private P. Devaney.

Private *P. Devaney* (a native of Mayo, a labourer, attested at York on the 23d August 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the Company, and as it's broken up, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, and a free passage to Europe.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to Complainant*)?—The first is not at all like what I enlisted for, the second is more like it, but not exactly the same. There was nothing of Her Majesty in the oath I took.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Evans* (a native of Shrewsbury, a butcher, attested at Shrewsbury on the 28th May 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 733d Complainant, Private J. Evans.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years and two more if required, and now the Company's abolished, I think I'm entitled to a bounty or a free discharge. I don't know which I'd take if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company; there wasn't a word of the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Fallon* (a native of Galway, a dyer, attested at Staley Bridge on the 10th April 1858), being called into court, is asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 734th Complainant, Private W. Fallon.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company's Cavalry for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the Company's done up, I think I'm liable to a free discharge, which I'd take if I got it, as the country doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The second part is something like, but not the first. My oath was to serve the Company, but nothing of Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Gardener* (a native of Ayrshire, a labourer, attested at Glasgow on the 4th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 735th Complainant, Private W. Gardener.

What's your complaint?—I was sworn in to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I think as the Company's broke up, I'm entitled to my discharge; but I might re-enlist if I got a good bounty.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; not a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. Griffin* (a native of Dublin, a smith, attested in Dublin on the 5th June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 736th Complainant, Private P. Griffin.

What's your complaint?—I think I am entitled to my discharge as I listed for the East India Company, and now they are abolished, I don't know what I'd do. I might re-enlist.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company; not a word about Her Majesty in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Halloran* (a native of Cork, a boot-maker, attested at Cork on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 737th Complainant, Private J. Halloran.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's abolished I'm entitled to a discharge or a bounty, and its my own object which I'd take.

Have you your attestion paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—This is not the oath at all. My oath was to served the East India Company. There wasn't a word about the Queen. I can write, but I never signed my name to anything when attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Havey* (a native of county Galway, a cutler, attested at Staley Bridge on the 20th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 738th Complainant, Private W. Havey.

What's your complaint?—The East India Company is done away, and I consider my services are done away too; I want my discharge to go home, but I'm not tired of soldiering altogether.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; not a word about the Queen in it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

739th Compiainant, Private C. Howard.

Private *C. Howard* (a native of Manchester, a shoemaker, attested at Liverpool on the 11th March 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with; I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or a free discharge.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act. pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—No, sir, I didn't take these oaths. My oath was to serve the East India Company and to bear allegiance to Her Majesty. I can write, but I never signed anything when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

740th Complainant, Private F. Jones.

Private *F. Jones* (a native of Oxford, an engraver, attested at Cardiff on the 29th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and as the said Company is disembodied, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or free discharge; and I don't know which I'd take, if I had the choice.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The second is something like it, but not the first. There wasn't a word about Her Majesty in the oath. I can write, but I signed nothing when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

741st Complainant, Private J. Jones.

Private *J. Jones* (a native of London, a labourer, attested at Southwark on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—Well, sir, I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and I want my discharge on account of my health being very indifferent since I came to this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the first part, as far as heirs and successors and the second part, I took the whole. I can write, but I can hardly say whether I signed anything or not, when attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

742d Complainant, Private M. Joyce.

Private *M. Joyce* (a native of Limerick, a labourer, attested at Limerick on the 12th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and as the Company's broke up, and I want my discharge; and I haven't had back pay, or ship's clearance, or a bed to lie upon since I came to the country.

Have you complained to the officer of your troop about this?—I complained to the quarter-master. I have a cot, but no bedding.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these. My oath was to serve the Honourable East India Company. Not a word of the Queen in it. I neither signed, nor made my mark to anything, when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

743d Complainant, Private J. Kennan.

Private *J. Kennan* (a native of Edinburgh, a labourer, attested at Edinburgh on the 11th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—The East India Company being done away with I claim a free discharge, which I'd take, and go home, but I'm not tired of soldiering for what I listed for.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company. Not a word of Her Majesty whatsoever in it. I never touched the pen to anything when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. Kenney* (a native of Roscommon, a weaver, attes
7th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge-Ad

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Compan
required, and now they're done away with, I claim a free discharge
and I'd take it if I got it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and not a word about the Quee
my mark to anything when I was attested. I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—Nothing else, sir.

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Private *J. Leech* (a native of Dublin, a baker, attested at Dublin on the 17th Ap
is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company, and now
abolished I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty or free discharge, and I'd prefer my disc
at present.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182–3, is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is not like, but the second is except the words "and also." I can write, but I never signed anything when attested; I wasn't asked. I was sworn by a policeman, the magistrate was trying prisoners, and never took any notice of me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *J. Lowry* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 4th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 748th Co
Private J.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, if the Company required my services, and I think, now the Company's abolished, I am entitled to my discharge and a free passage to Europe, which I'd take if I got it, as I want to be near my friends.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to use no traitorous words to Her Majesty. I never put my mark to anything when attested. A private of police swore me in, the magistrate was trying prisoners in the same room, and took no notice of me.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Serjeant *A. Ball* (a native of Surrey, a clerk, attested at Westminster on the 6th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 747th Complainant, Serjeant A. Ball.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve in the East India Company's Cavalry, and I don't feel satisfied at the way in which I've been turned over to Her Majesty. I would accept a fresh bounty and re-enlistment provided I went to another regiment.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the court, and is found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination Resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182–3, is here shown to complainant*)?—I can't say that I remember taking that oath; I am not certain about it. My oath was to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, and to serve the East India Company.

Did you sign any paper when attested?—I believe I signed the attestation paper, sir.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Mulvool* (a native of County Down, a weaver, attested at Belfast on the 13th February 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 749th Complainant, Private R. Mulvool.

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with I am entitled to a free discharge, which I would take, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182–3, is here shown to complainant*)?—I took the first part as far as heirs and successors, and I took the whole of the second part. I didn't sign my name to anything when I was attested. I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

[illegible] CASES TO THE 14TH DISTRICT (N)

[illegible] Private [illegible], a [illegible], attested at Fall River on the 25th [illegible], is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

[illegible] your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's dissolved, I think I'm entitled to my discharge, that I'd like it if I got it, as I have bad health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested?—I never took any oath. I was to serve the East India Company; not a word about Her Majesty in it. I didn't sign any paper. I wasn't asked when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *M. Molony* (a native of Tipperary, a groom, attested at Limerick on the 12th [illegible] 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the Honourable East India Company, for 12 years or 14 if required, and now the Company's broke up I think I am entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it and go home if I got it, as I'm tired of soldiering.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was, to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it. I didn't touch the pen to anything when attested. I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *W. Milroy* (a native of Ayrshire, a weaver, attested at Glasgow on the 3d April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a fresh bounty, or a free discharge; and I'd prefer my discharge, as my mother is at home, without any one to look after her since my father died.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—I took neither of these oaths. I was to serve the East India Company; nothing about Her Majesty in the oath. I was neither asked, nor did I sign any attestation paper.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

7649 Complainant, Private M. Molloy.

Private *M. Molloy* (a native of Dublin, a gasfitter, attested at Dublin on the 3d June 1856), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's dissolved, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge, and I'd like it if I got it, as I have bad health in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of them are exactly what I took. My oath was to serve the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; nothing of Her Majesty in it. I forgot whether I signed any paper when I was attested.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

7681 Complainant, Private J. McCabe.

Private *J. McCabe* (a native of Edinburgh, a boiler-maker, attested at Edinburgh on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the said Company is abolished, I'm entitled to my discharge, and I'd take it if I got it, and leave the country. I haven't good health.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir, not here.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp.* 182-3, *is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is not like it at all; the second is more like, but neither is right. My oath was to serve the East India Company, and to be loyal to the Queen, but not to serve her. I didn't sign any thing, to my knowledge, when attested.

Anything more to say?—No.

[Withdraws.

7535 Complainant, Private J. McDonnell.

Private *J. McDonnell* (a native of Dublin, a labourer, attested at Dublin on the 6th November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required; and now the Company's discontinued I want my discharge, but I'd re-enlist into the 11th Hussars, with a bounty.

[illegible]

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I took an oath for the Honourable East India Company's Light Cavalry; not a word of Her Majesty in it. I didn't touch a pen to anything when attested; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *P. McGuire* (a native of Ballybay, a labourer, attested at Ballybay on the 27th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 755th Complainant, Private P. McGuire.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14; and now the Company's done away with, I claim a free discharge, and I'd take it if I got it. I don't [illegible] country.

Have you your attestation [illegible], sir.

Do you remember wh[illegible] when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it. I didn't touch the pen to anything; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *A. McKennan* (a native of Argyleshire, a sawyer, attested at Glasgow on the 14th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 756th Complainant, Private A. McKennan.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, and not exceeding 14; and now the Company's done away with I claim my discharge, and I'd go home if I got it, and work. I'm tired of the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182–3, is here shown to complainant*)?—My oath was to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it; and I didn't put my mark to anything when attested. I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *H. M'Kenny* (a native of Edinburgh, a painter, attested at Edinburgh on the 30th October 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 757th Complainant, Private H. M'Kenny.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with I think I'm entitled to my discharge, but I haven't made up my mind if I'd take it.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty in it. I never made my mark to any paper when attested; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *R. Pritchard* (a native of Manchester, a tailor, attested at Westminster, on the 9th April 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 758th Complainant, Private R. Pritchard.

What's your complaint?—I listed for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is abolished I think I am abolished too, and if I've good luck when I'm abolished I'd get out of the country, as I don't like it.

Have you your attestation paper?—Not here, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182–3, is here shown to complainant*)?—Neither of these are the oaths I took. My oath was to be faithful to the East India Company; not a word of Her Majesty. I didn't sign to anything when attested; I was never asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

Private *E. Quigley* (a native of Dublin, a groom, attested at Dublin on the 4th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:— 759th Complainant, Private E. Quigley.

What's your complaint?—I wish to know if I am obliged to serve Her Majesty when I didn't list for it, having only agreed to serve the Company. I have no objection to serve Her Majesty, if I am bound to do so.

(The clause of the Transfer Act, making the Company's army over to the Crown, is given to complainant to read, and the court explains to him the position he now occupies in Her Majesty's service as a soldier of the Royal Indian army.)

Examination resumed.

Do you now understand the terms under which you are serving Her M[illegible] and I am satisfied now I know its according to regulation.

Have you your attestation paper?—Yes, sir, here it is.

(The attestation paper is examined by the Court, and found to correspond in every respect with Appendix C.)

Examination resumed.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to complainant*)?—Yes, that is the oath I took, and signed to it.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

700th Complainant, Private J. Redmond.

Private *J. Redmond* (a native of Dublin, a maltster, attested at Dublin on the 3d June 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company, and as the East India Company is now resigned, I'm entitled to a free discharge [illegible] I would take it as I want to go home to my friends.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—The oath I took was to serve the Honour of the East India Company; nothing of the Queen in it; I never put my mark to anything when attested; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

701st Complainant, Private J. Redmond.

Private *J. Redmond* (a native of Dublin, a smith, attested at Dublin on the 3d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years and not exceeding 14, and now the Company's abolished I should think I'm entitled to my discharge; I'd take it if I got it; I don't like the country; it doesn't agree with me.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to complainant*)?—The second part is like it, not the first; there was nothing whatsoever about Her Majesty in my oath. I didn't sign anything when I was attested; I wasn't asked. A policeman swore me in. The magistrate wasn't within 12 yards of me; he was trying prisoners.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

702nd Complainant, Private T. Rehihan.

Private *T. Rehihan* (a native of Kerry, a labourer, attested at Tralee, on the 3d November 1857), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, not exceeding 14, if required; and there's no Company now, and I'd like to get my discharge; I wasn't right well since I came to the country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—I don't remember the oath.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

703rd Complainant, Private R. Short.

Private *R. Short* (a native of Edinburgh, a sailor, attested at Cork on the 10th January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company's done away with, I think I'm entitled to a free discharge; I'd think of it if I got it; but I'm tired of soldiering in this country.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested. Look at this (*the oath in the Schedule to the Annual Mutiny Act, pp. 182-3, is here shown to complainant*)?—The first part is nothing like it, but the second is; there was nothing about Her Majesty in the oath. I didn't sign any paper when attested; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

704th Complainant, Private J. Salmon.

Private *J. Salmon* (a native of Dublin, a slater, attested at Dublin on the 2d January 1858), is called into court, and asked by the Judge Advocate General:—

What's your complaint?—I enlisted for the East India Company for 12 years, or 14 if required, and now the Company is done away with I think I'm entitled to a bounty, or a free discharge; I don't know which I'd take.

Have you your attestation paper?—No, sir.

Do you remember what oath you took when attested (*complainant cannot read*)?—My [illegible] East India Company, and to pay respect to Her Majesty, and not [illegible] against Her. I didn't put my mark to anything when attested; I wasn't asked.

Anything more to say?—No, sir.

[Withdraws.

[illegible] comrades.

[illegible] complainants appear to be fully sensible on seeing the [illegible] their signature to them, but as regards the oath, the [illegible]inants now is, that the oath which they signed is merely [illegible] designated in their duplicate of attestation, and, further, [illegible]em to serve Her Majesty as soldiers.

[illegible]ded its proceedings, adjourn at Six o'clock a.m.

R. Horsford, Brigadier, President.

A. Hayshe, Lieut.-Colonel, Horse Artillery.
W. Radcliffe, Lieut.-Colonel, 78th Regt.

Keith Young,
Judge Advocate General of the Army,
Conducting the Proceedings.

[illegible] Bain.
[illegible]th. W. Guthrie.
[illegible]th. T. Hawkesbury.
[illegible]th. F. Humphreys.
[illegible]th. A. Horner.

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